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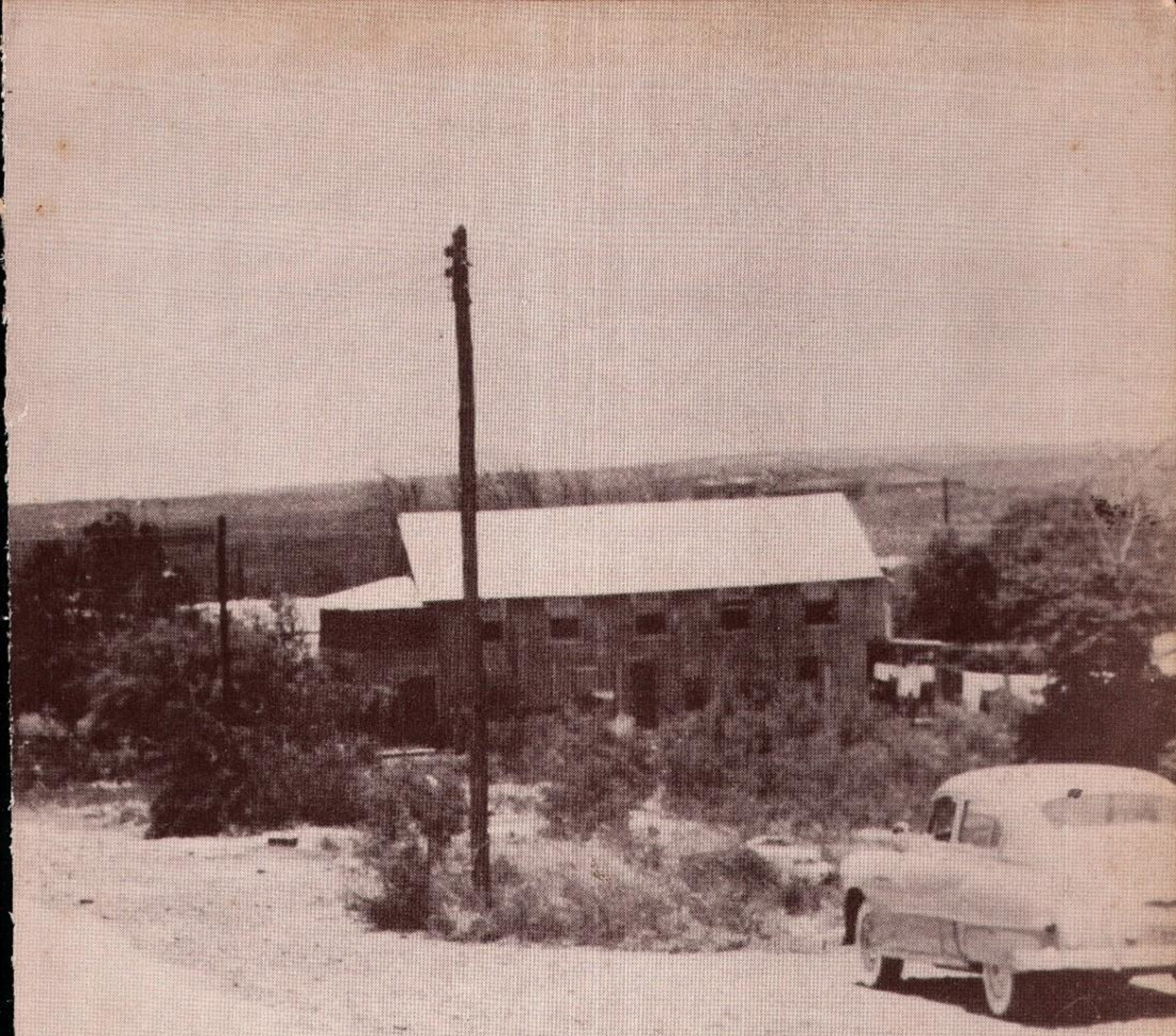

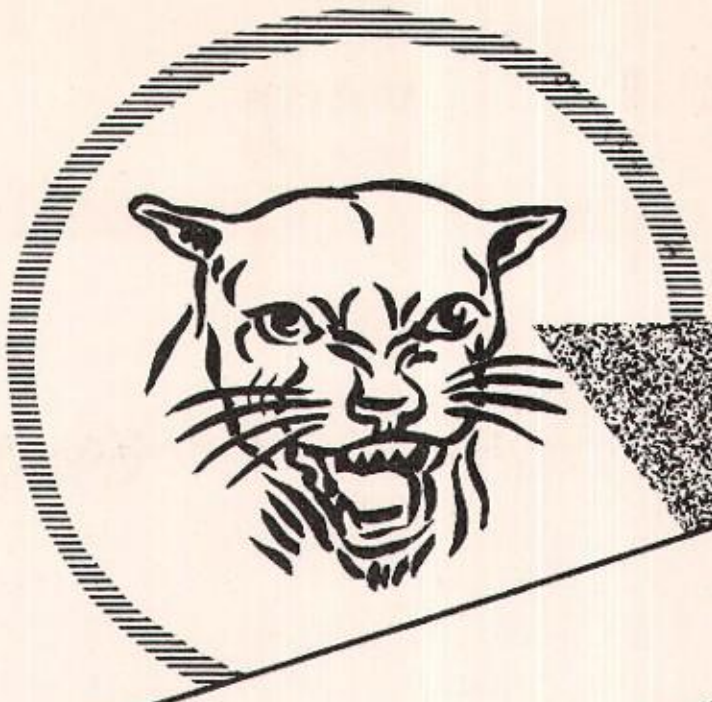

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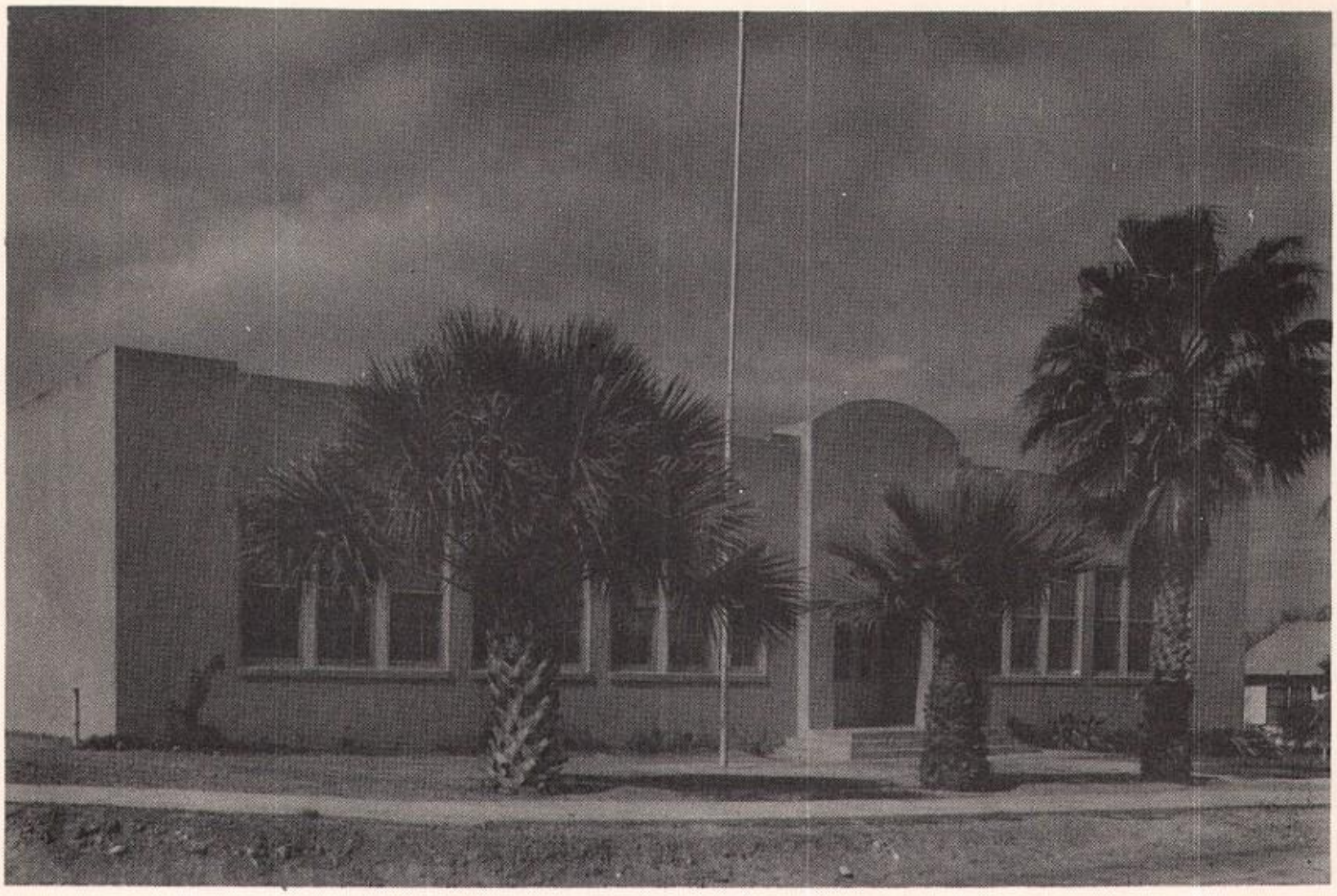
MIRANDO CITY, TEXAS



Foreword

As you turn through the pages of this book, may you wander once more through the memories of the past years, recalling the happiest hours, the best-loved scènes, the valued friends, and may the pictures which we have chosen help to make your memories more vivid throughout the passing years.

Because we have lived in an oil field most of our lives, we have chosen these familiar scenes for our Yearbook, for we feel that they will ever bring back treasured memories to those of us who have attended M. H. S.

Annual Staff

Dedication

To a swell husband and wife team, who have been successful in all their undertakings; who have given wholeheartedly of their time and efforts in working with the athletic teams and many other outside activities; who have shown such qualities as patience, understanding, fairness, and good sportsmanship at all times; we, the Staff, believing that they deserve the best, happily dedicate our 1951 Pantherlog to THE NIXES.

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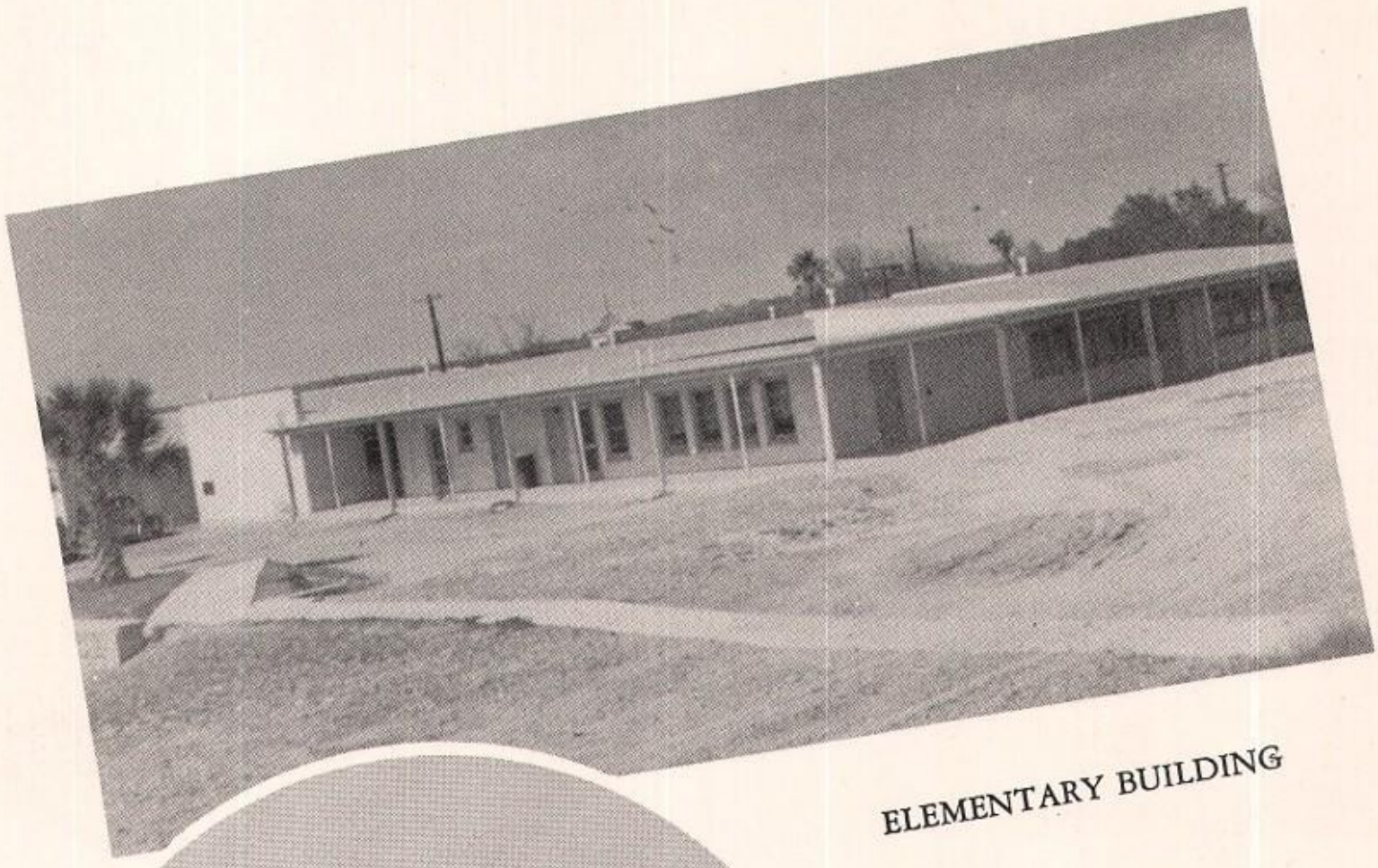

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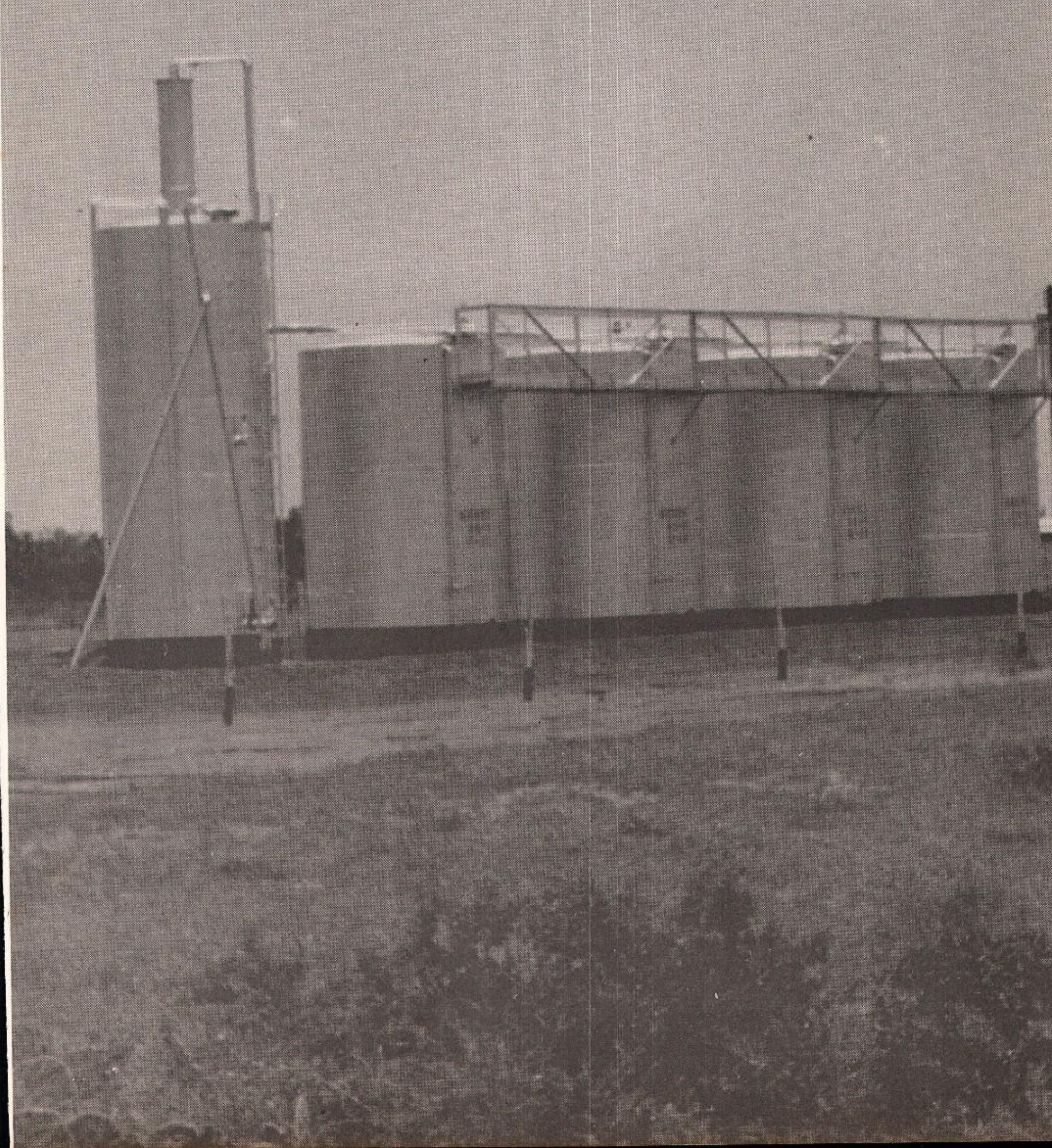

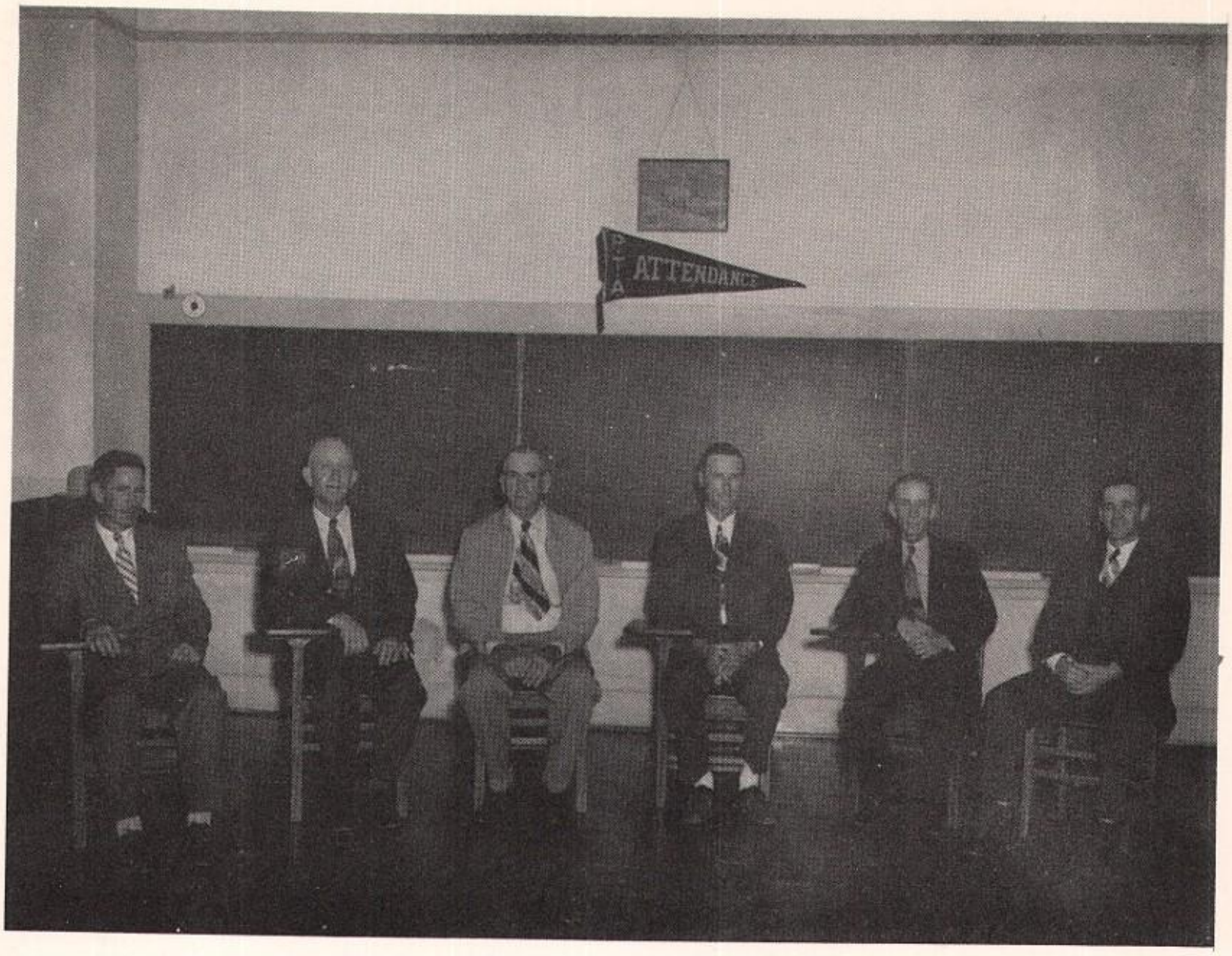

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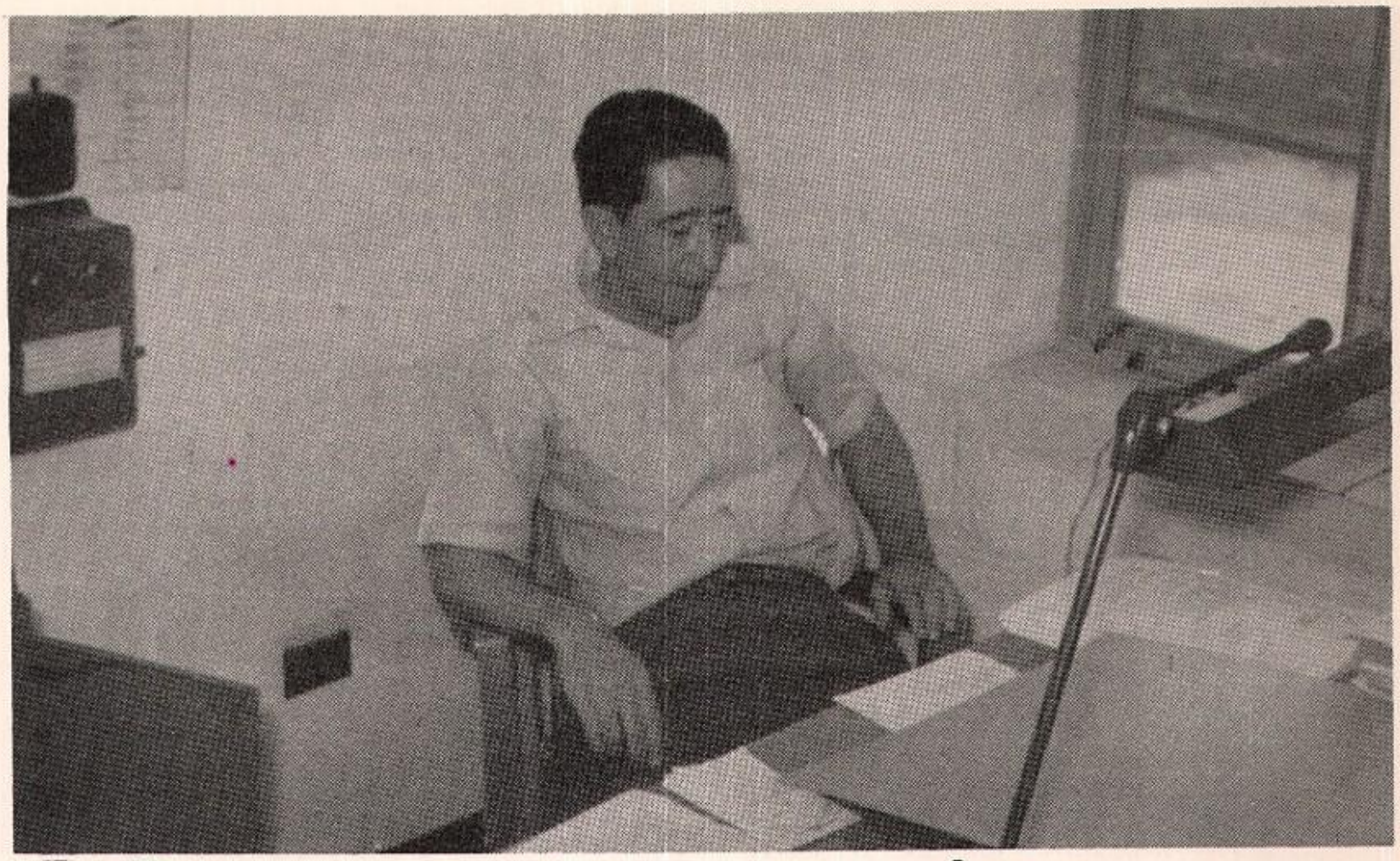

Superintendents' Message

These are times of confusion. Perhaps you high school students think that the older generation has let you down. In Mirando City they have not let you down. Look around you and count your blessings. The Auditorium Committee and generous citizens literally gave you a wonderful auditorium building. Another group of interested parents have seen to it that a new piano was purchased for this building. The new Elementary Building was used for its first full year. You, doing the work, together with the money furnished out of the personal pockets of your school board members and other big hearted citizens enjoyed the benefits of new athletic dressing rooms. Your high school building is being renovated this summer.

These blessings, and others, for youth are going on elsewhere all over our nation. You have not been let down by your elders. They have given you instead examples to meet the challenges that confront you. They are doing so by means of what is called the American Way. It is your responsibility to meet these challenges by using this same American Way, thus bringing a state of order out of these confusing times. Grab hold of that great Mirando Spirit and get the job done.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Members of the Senior Class,
Students of Mirando High School:

This has been a year marked by confusion and uncertainty because of world conditions over which you had no control. Yet in the years to come the responsibility of restoring it to normal will largely rest upon you and your generation. It is a task which will require vision, wisdom, strength, and sacrifice.

We have endeavored here in school to teach you those principles and ideals which will help to fit you for this task. Use your influence to make this a better world for those who come after you, and we shall be proud that we had a small part in preparing you for that task.

Sincerely,

Opal A. Harvey.

Opal A. Harvey
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Texas University

BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL ..... *Largo* by Handel
Mrs. F. W. Staggs

INVOCATION .....Neal Craig, Minister of Church of Christ

Come Thou Almighty King .....Congregation

Holy, Holy, Holy ..... Congregation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Onward Christian Soldiers .....Congregation

VOCAL SOLO—*Calvary* .....by Rodney
Jo Ann Long

SERMON ..... Rev. Ray Johnston, Pastor Methodist Church

BENEDICTION .....Neal Craig

RECESSIONAL—*Marche* .....by Hollaender
Mrs. F. W. Staggs

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Festival Processional ..... by Kolhmann
Mrs. F. W. Staggs

INVOCATION .....Rev. Wm. Crisp

INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM GUESTS

Clare De Lune .....by Debussy
Jo Ann Long

ADDRESS .....Hon. Paul Greenwood

Minuet in G .....by Beethoven
Glenna Hoch, La Rue Cannon, and Mary Lou Crisp

PRESENTATION OF EIGHTH GRADE CERTIFICATES .....W. A. Perkins, Principal

Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life ..... by Victor Herbert

Ol' Man River ..... by Jerome Kern
Combined Girls' Chorus

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS CLASS OF 1951 .....Mrs. E. T. Harvey, Principal
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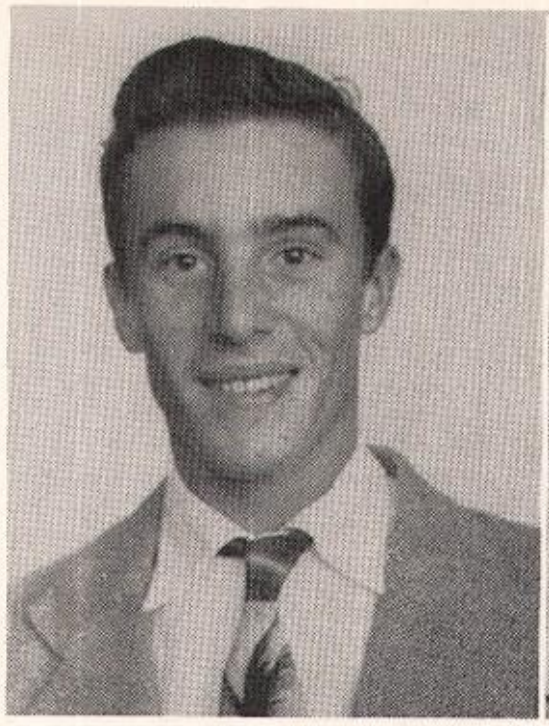
Classes

SENIORS



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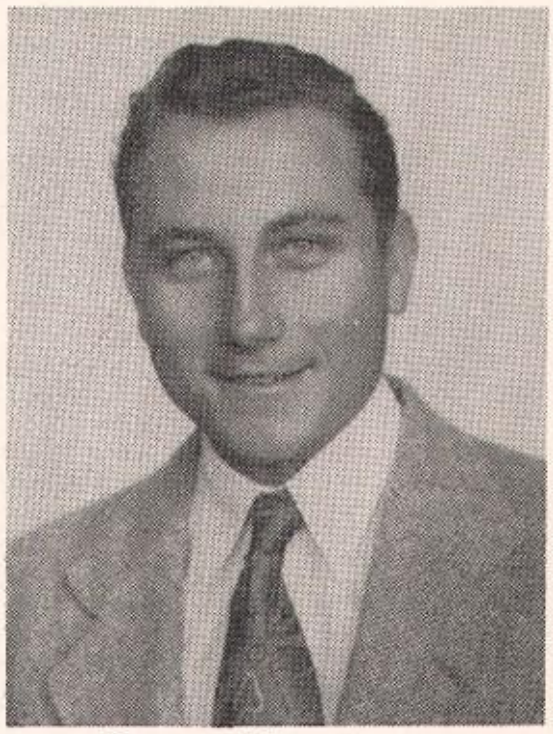


DELANO MONTGOMERY

FRANCISCA PENA

MELVIN DICKENS

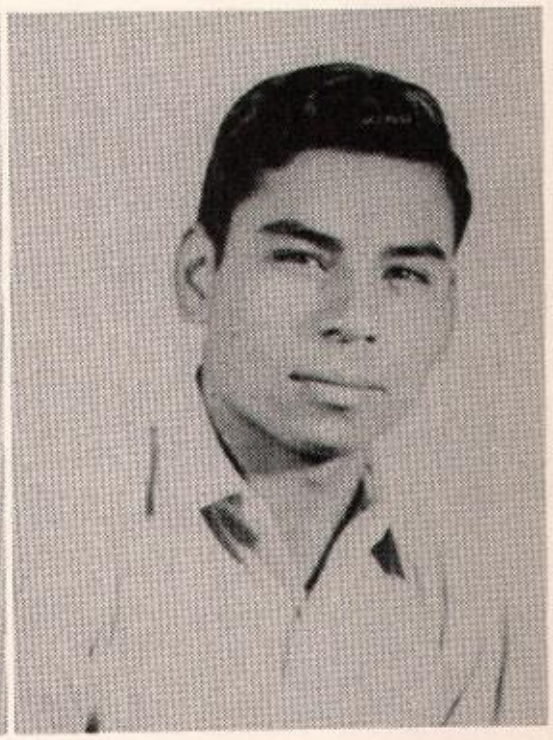
SENIORS

GERALD BLACK

OLGA ALARCON

AGUSTIN DE LA CRUZ

ANGELITA MARTINEZ



NATALIO LOPEZ

ONESIMO ESQUIVEL

HOWARD DUCKWORTH

CLASS PROPHECY

You know, Hollywood is a pretty big city—I'm sure most of you have already been there. Well, I live there. I'm a secretary to one of Hollywood's most famous producers. It's funny how small this world really is, because one day who should walk in but Jo Ann Long . . .

"Joey, what in the world are you doing here, and where have you been keeping yourself?"

"Gosh, Olga, I've been with the Metropolian Opera for the past three years, and right now I've come to see your boss with the hopes of getting into T. V. By the way, what is his name? They just told me that if I really wanted to succeed in T. V. to come see Mr. Two to One."

"Well, Joey, You've come to the right place; his name is Richard Humes."

"Olga, no! I thought I'd never see him again after he joined the Army. Oh, Olga! Do I look all right? Is he in now? Do you think he'll see me?"

"Sure, Joey, go on in, he's in the first office marked 'Private'."

Hmmmmmmmm. . . 12 o'clock; time to go to lunch . . .

I walked into a restaurant, ordered lunch, and sat waiting, when someone slapped me hard on my back. I turned around, and Francisca Pena and Lupita Garza stood there . . . I looked both of them over and was startled. They were beautifully dressed, and they each were holding two lovely hat boxes. Yes, you're right, they are two of Hollywood's paid models. Francis models for "Len Hash & No Cheate" and Lupita for "Turn Overs." They sat down and we had an enthusiastic talk about good old days in M. H. S. By the time we got through having lunch, the clock had rolled around to 1:00 o'clock, and it was time to go to work. We promised to meet again at my apartment Saturday evening, and then off to work we went.

It had been a tough day today, and now my watch said it was time for me to go home; so I closed up the office and stood on the street corner waiting for a cab. Finally, I saw one swerving around the curve. It came to a sudden stop with a horrible screeching of brakes. I got in and gave him my address . . .Zoom!! we were off. At last the nightmare ride with the nutty cab driver was over. . . now to pay him . . .

"$1.20 please, ma'am."

I handed him the money, and then I noticed it was Natalio Lopez.

"Natalio! Geee whiz! How did you become such a crazy cab-driver? I didn't know you were here in Hollywood."

"Oh, you know how I used to drive my old truck back home. Remember the day I nearly ran over Mr. Townsend. Gosh, those were the good old days . . . Well, I've got to go now, I have a call at 7001 Boulevard . . .So long . . .Nice seeing you."

In my room at last I turned on the radio to listen to the sports news.

The announcer was saying, "And now, we bring you Howard Duckworth and the world of sports."

Howard Duckworth! Well, I'll be doggoned. He's a sports commentator, Ha . . . I always thought he was a "loud mouth." Well, I guess I'll listen to something good by Harvey Tames.

There seemed to be a lot of static on the radio, so I turned it off. Later on that night I turned it on again. There was a wonderful western band on the air, so I tuned in.

"Now for all of those with T. V. sets, we'd like to present to you Mr. Delano Lamar Montgomery, the sensational hillybilly singer of the 20th Century."

Aha! Aha! I knew it. I knew once he joined Adolf Hoffner he would go for higher stakes, and he sure did. Well—he does have a nice voice.

Saturday morning: The girls are due around 6:00 this evening. Guess I'd better straighten things up a bit. Oh, well, before I do that I'll read the morning paper.

"Melvin Dickens and Gerald Black, richest oilmen in South Texas, will marry Bana Turner and Bretty Drable on June 17, 1956. This will be of great interest to the many friends of the grooms including Mr. Barry Bruman who will be best man at both weddings (even though he knows nothing about it yet.)

Well, what do you know about that? Old "Mel" and "Dippy" are going to marry two of those high-class movie stars. No wonder Melvin said he wouldn't marry Glenna until he knew he could make her happy . . . And Gerald said he wouldn't marry Mary Lou until he was sure . . . It always did sound fishy to me, anyway. Oh well, guess that's life.

Around 7:00 that evening there was a knock on the door and in walked Lupita and Francis, all decked out in evening gowns.

"Hello, Darlin'." "We thought you'd like to go to that new ritzie club they're opening tonight and so we dressed for it. We should have called you . . . but . . .

"Oh that's alright girls, of course I want to go."

We got to the nite club they were talking about called the "Copa Cabana Drink or Leave." Gosh, what a crazy name for such a beautiful place. Wonder who the owner of this thing is?

It surely didn't take long to find out, after we went inside . . . but it almost caused me to have heart failure . . .Agustin de la Cruz and Onesimo Esquivel! Not only did they have a beautiful nite club . . . but also a gambling casino downstairs.

"Good gravey, Agustin and Onesimo, how did you do it?"

"Believe us," they said with a sly grin, "It wasn't easy, but we made it."

"Gee, but it's good to see you again."

"You will stay for the floor show, we hope."

"Oh yes, of course we will."

Around 9:00 o'clock a cresendo of drums announced the first number, and the lights went out. The huge spotlights played itself across the floor, and out came a gorgeous girl dressed in a beautiful costume . . . She started singing with the most beautiful voice I'd ever heard. She really was a knock out. Finally they announced her name . . . Angelita Martinez . . . Holy mackerel another one of my classmates, and what a nite club singer she's made!!

"Well Francis and Lupita, guess we'd better run along now." "So long, Agustin and Onesimo, it's been swell seeing you again . . .Our regards to Angelita."

Yep, just as I said in the beginning, quite a small world, isn't it?

SENIOR CLASS WILL

I, Gerald Black, will my curly hair to James Skaggs, thirty pounds of my weight to Sammie Bishop, and my ability to *Drive* to Roberta Curtis. Take good care of them, kids; they come in handy sometimes.

I, Francisca Pena, will my eyes to Maria Luisa Garza, my black hair to Laura Laurel, and my slim figure to Demetria Chandarlis. So long, Gang.

I, Angelita Martinez, hereby will my black, naturally curly hair to Isabel de la Cruz, my height to Demetria Chandarlis, and my handwriting ability to Rodolfo Rodriguez. So long, Gang; be seeing you.

I, Olga Rita Alarcon, sound of body, insane mind, and moody ways do hereby will my big black eyes and black hair to Betty Lou Bywaters, my 36-22-36 inch dimensions to Ann Humes, my ability to dance mambos to Humberto Garza, and my handsome boy friends to all you M.H.S. gals—Divide them up, Kids; they're all swell!

I, Agustin de la Cruz, hereby will my intelligence to Rodolfo Rodriguez, and my ability to play football to James Skaggs. So long, Kids; be seeing you in the Army.

I, Lupita Garza, of high spirits and funny ways, do hereby will my quiet ways to Heberto Vasquez, my eyes to Ann Humes, my shorthand ability to Laura Laurel, my small frame to Emma Garza, my typing ability to Leopoldo Garza, my 112 lbs. to Isabel de la Cruz, and my ability to get along with people to Demetria Chandarlis. So long, Kids —it has been good to know all of you.

I, Natalio Lopez Jr., hereby will my ability to tell jokes to Edwardo Garza, my trips to Oilton, Texas to Rodolfo Rodriguez, and my intelligent ways of keeping out of trouble to Jose Garza. Take care of them, Kids, and so long, Gang.

I, Melvin G. Dickens, will my reading ability to Roberta Curtis, my pretty greenish gray eyes to Ralph Evans, my basketball playing to Sammie Bishop, my football playing to Hector Garza, my brown hair to Jimmey Bixler, and my teeth to James Skaggs—on second thought I'd better keep my teeth (I don't like gum drops). So long, Gang; it's been good to know you.

I, Onesimo Esquivel, hereby leave my hair to Rodolfo Rodriguez, my mustache to Pedro Cristan, and my trips to Oilton to Eugenio Garza. By, and be good, boys!

I, Delano Montgomery, of sound mind and western ways, hereby will my pear burning job to Sammy Bishop, my boots to Mr. Townsend, my beautiful blue eyes to Tunkey Roberts, and my singing ability to James Skaggs. You'll take advantage of this great offer; it comes only once a year.

I, Jo Ann Long, being of sound mind and body, do hereby will my blonde hair and green eyes to Isabel de la Cruz, my one-act playing to Roberta Curtis, my piano talent and voice to Penny Roberts, my sports ability to Tunkey, and the boys I don't want to Ann Humes. Please don't put them in the fire, just put them where they can't be seen.

I, Howard Duckworth, being of sound mind and strong muscles, will my singing voice to Sammy Bishop, my guitar playing ability to Mrs. Perkins, my ability to drive a hot rod to Jimmey Bixler, and my red hair and hazel eyes to Penny Roberts. Take good care of them, Kids; they will bring good luck to you.

I, Richard Humes, of sound mind and body, will my good looks to Ann and my football ability to Hector. I also will my great intelligence to Eugene. The other things I had better keep; I might need them later on.

SENIOR BABY PICTURES

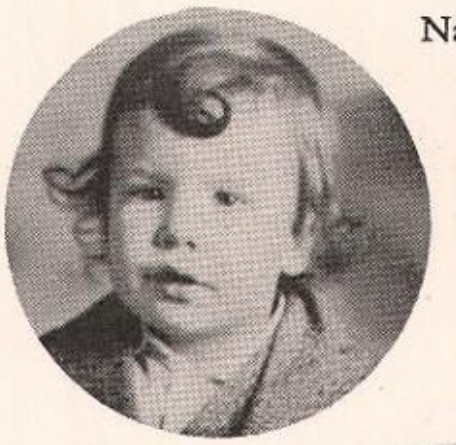
Dick

Frances

Jo Ann

Natalio

Lupita



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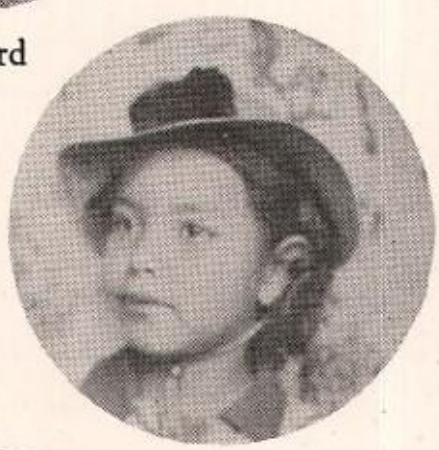

Angelita

Augustine

Gerald

Onesimo

Melvin

Juniors

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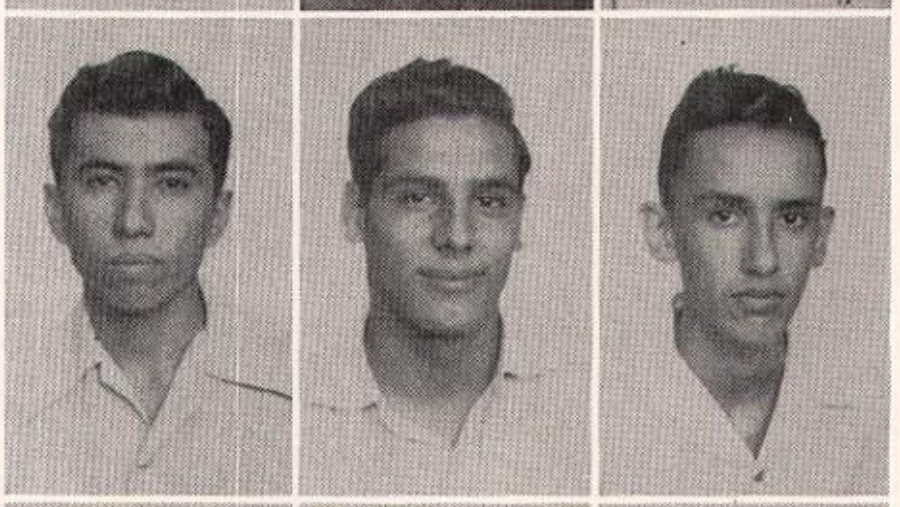

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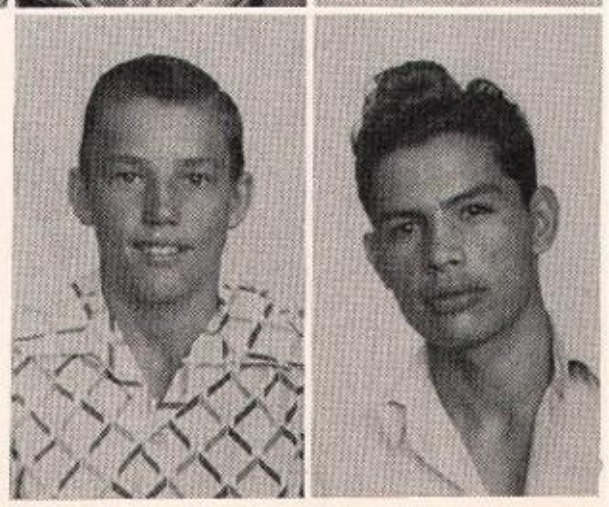
Ralph Evans

Pete Dickens
Hector Garza



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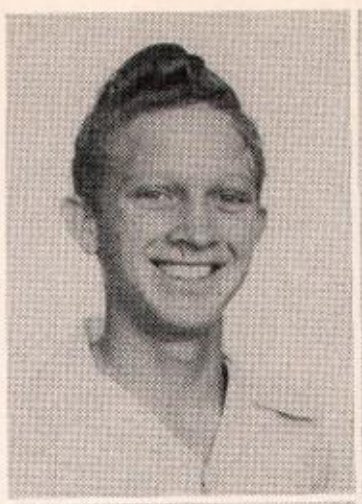

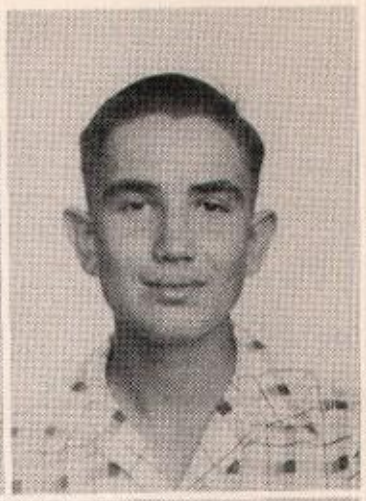

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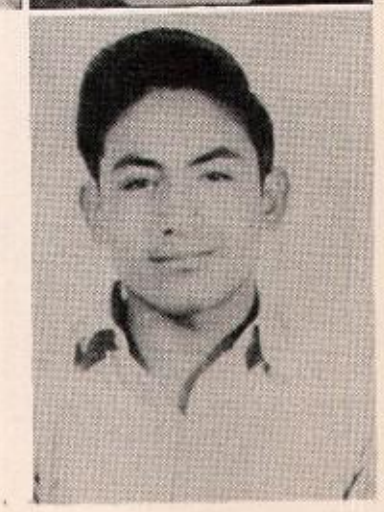
Tunkey Roberts

Israel Lopez



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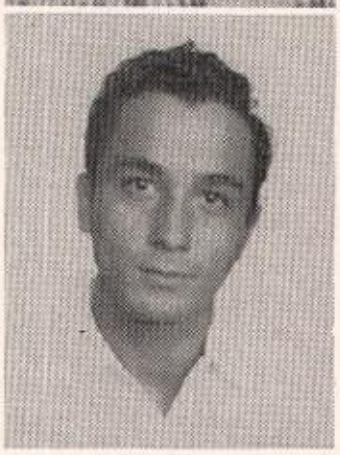

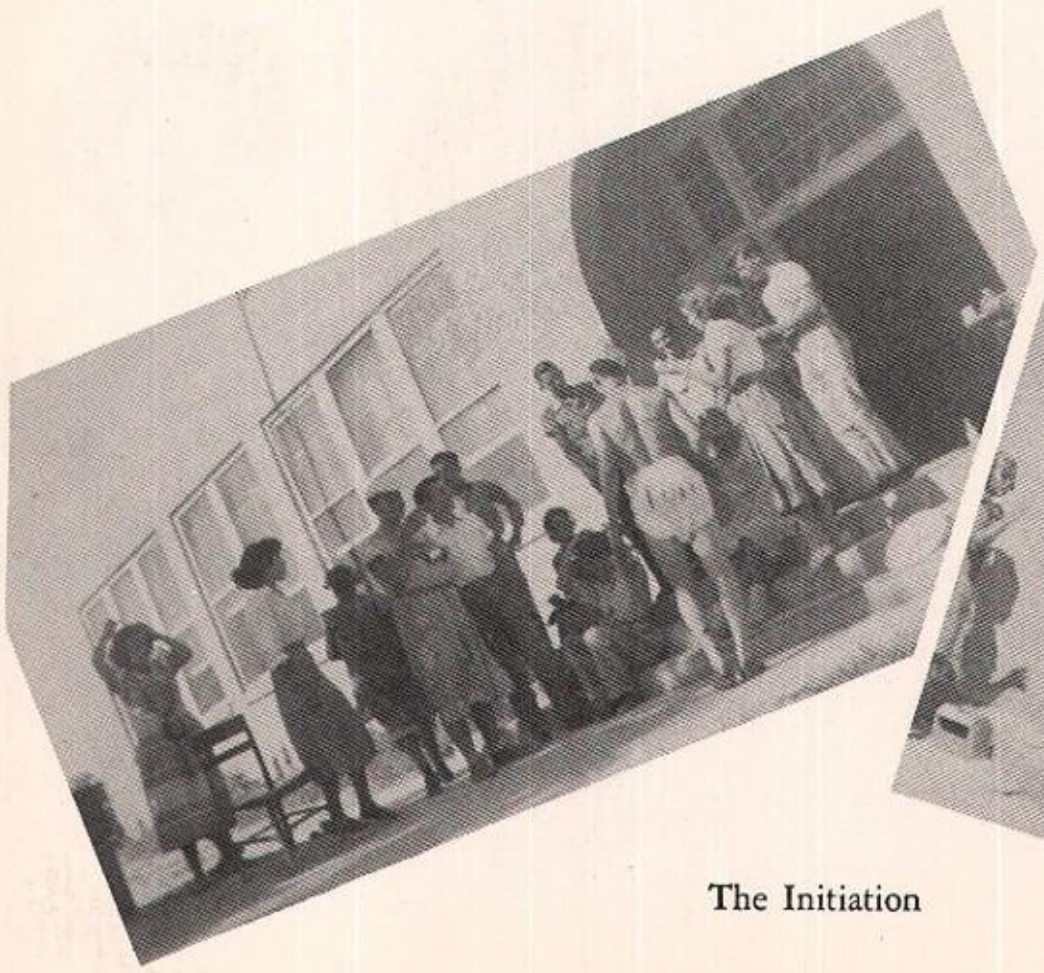

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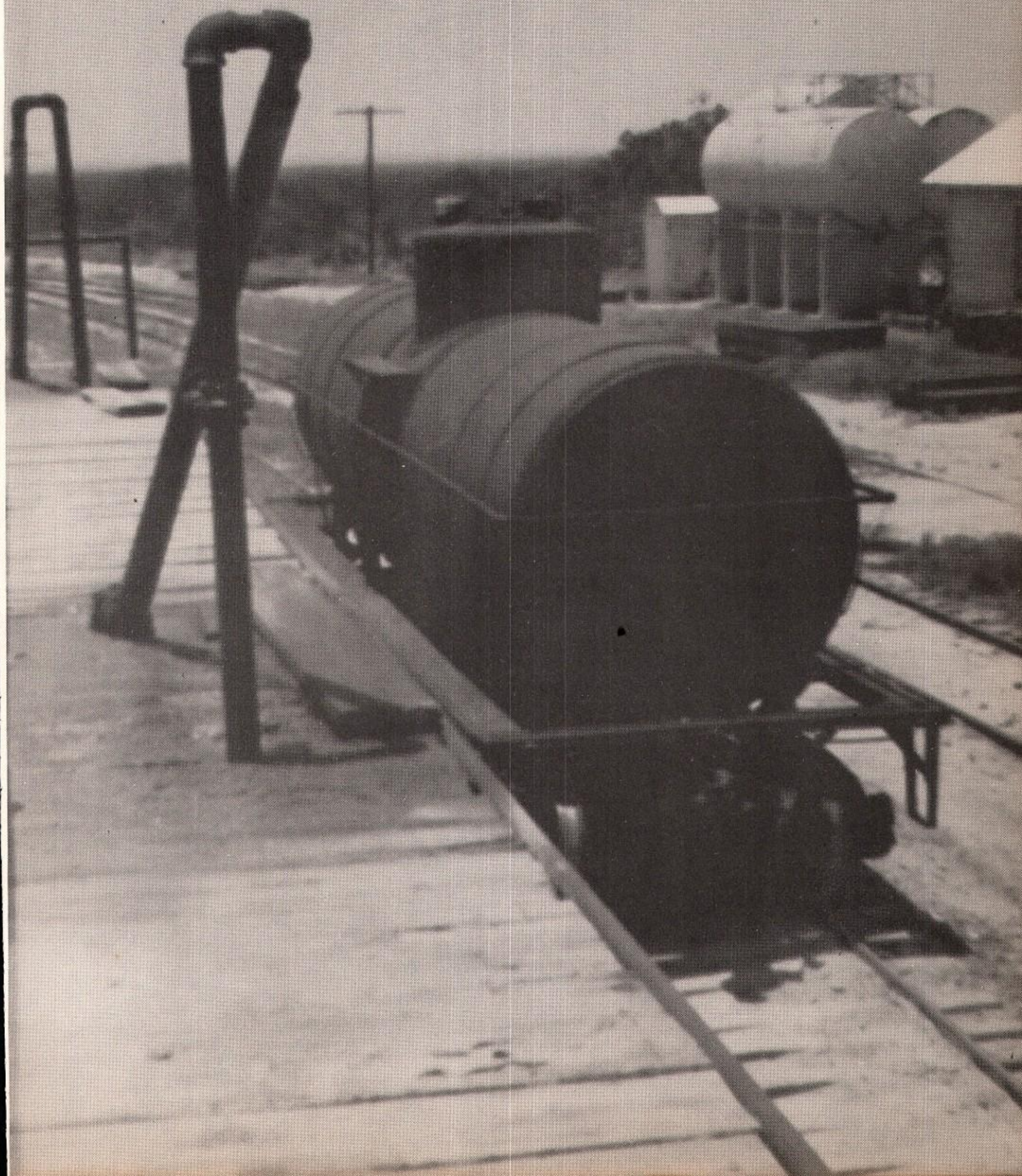

7 and 8 GRADES

La Rue Cannon
Mary Lou Crisp
Francisco Cristan
Reynaldo Garcia

Corine Garza
Aurora Gonzalez
Johnny Harvey
Ruth Heibert

Nicho Hernandez
Glenna Hoch
Benjamin Leija
Minerva Salinas

Nadine Akers
Claudio Cardenas
Robert Carlisle
John Chandarlis

Lonnie Rae Curtis
Oran DeSpain Jr.
Yolanda Garcia
Luis Garza

Sylvia Garza
Kenneth Martin
Antonio Ramon
Irene Ramon

Mariana Rodriguez
Charles Sharp
Mary Skaggs

5 and 6 GRADES

Nellie Bywaters
Elvira Cardenas
Julia Cristan
Nancy Elliott

Peggy English
Antonio Garza, Jr.
Patricia Gill
Macario Gonzalez

Martha Gonzalez
Peggy Howard
Elaine Long
Felipe Ortega

William Payton
Santiago San Miguel
Delvin Savely
Lillian Mae Work

Paula Bishop
Genoveva Gracia
Amada Hernandez
Eddie Hoch

Ana M. Rodiguez
Elvia Cristan
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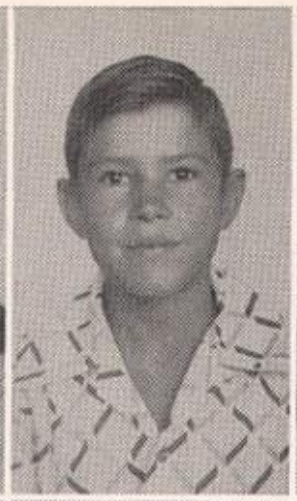
Wilson Huffer

Leobardo Leija
Miguel Lopez

4 and 5 GRADES

Shorty Anderson
Johnny Cannon
Martin Cardenas
Élaine Chandarlis



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Charlotte Dismukes
Joaquin Faz
Irene Garza

Cancy Ann Herrington
Merced Johnson
Robert Lynn
Antonio Medina

Jeanette Montgomery
Larry Montgomery
Armandena Ramon
Juan Rodriguez

Manuel Rodriguez
Don Savely
Anna Bell Work

3 and 4 GRADES

Helen Alarcon
Hazel Box
Merle Carpenter
Charles Chandarlis

Tommie Chandarlis
Patsy English
Ernesto Garza
Pablo Garza, Jr.

Shirley Gill
Simon Gonzalez
Cipriana Hernandez
Dean Nix

Karen Potts
Elizabeth Ramon
Jesus Ramon
Roberto Rodriquez

Alvaro Saenz
Phillip Skaggs
Severiano Faz
Rosa Cristan

Luciano de la Cruz
Ramon De Leon
Anna Maria Laurel
Elidia Ramon

1 and 2 GRADES

Angelo Chandarlis
Frank Chandarlis
George Chandarlis
Tommy Dismukes

Bunny English
Roberto Garza
Diane Gill
Charlie Herrington

Johnny Long
Kent Nix
Ernesto Ramirez, Jr.
Eddie Skaggs

Patsy Becker
Sue Jo Cannon
Mary Curiel
Ester Curiel

Guadalupe Gonzalez
Norma Gonzalez
Raymundo Hernandez
David Hiebert

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Hermelinda Gonzalez
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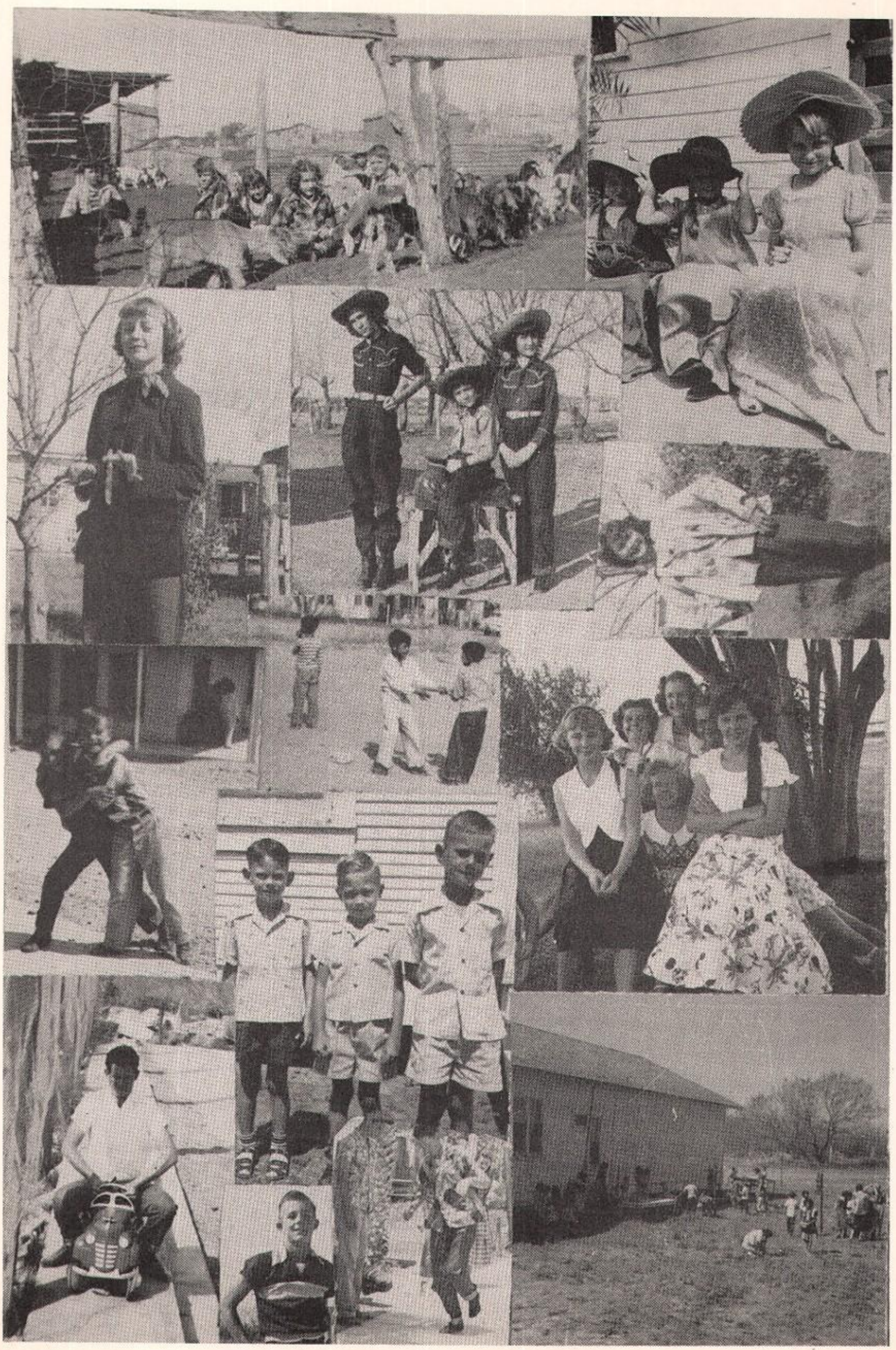

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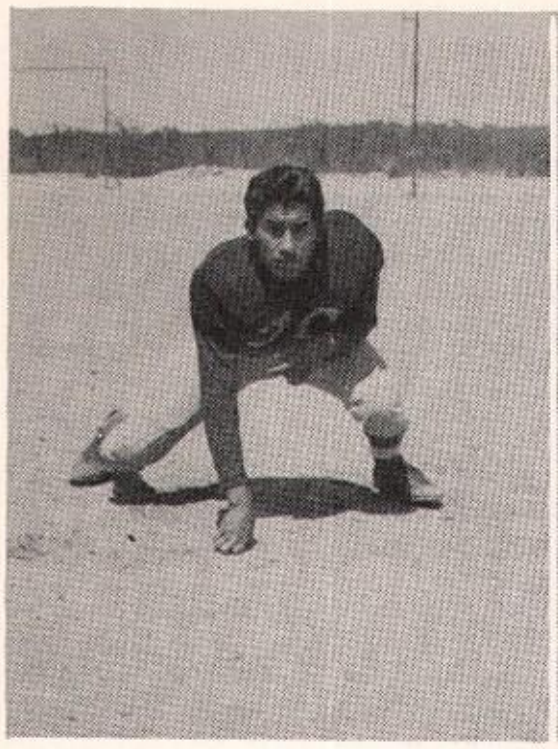

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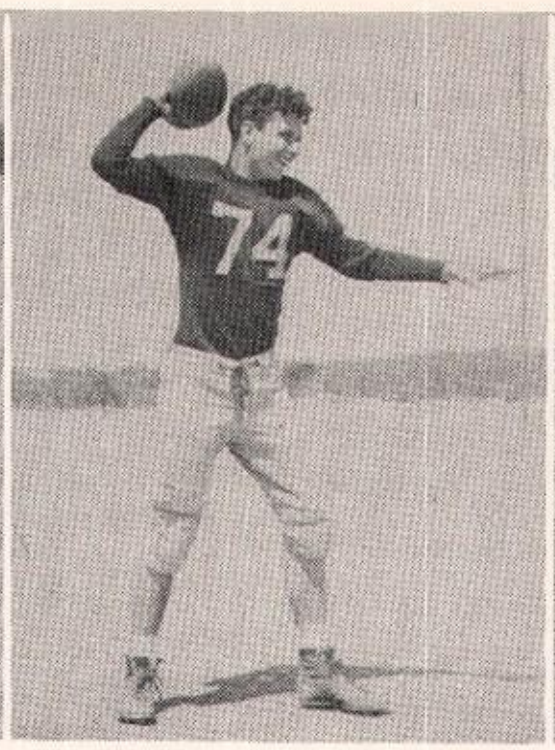

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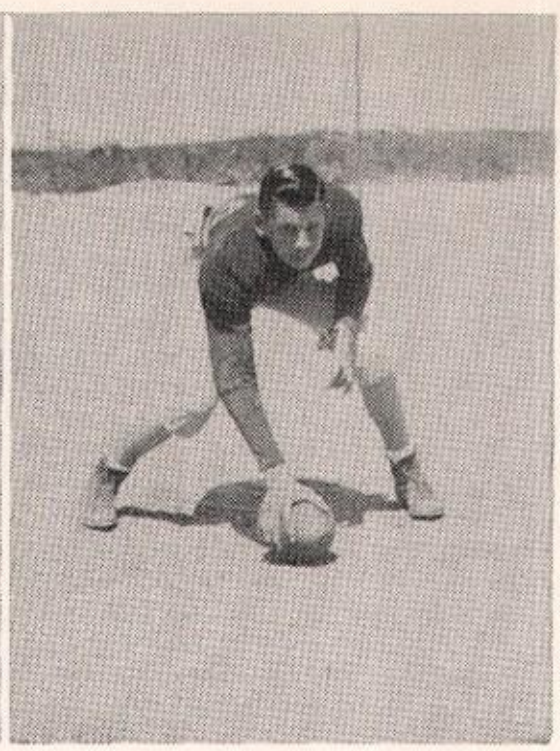

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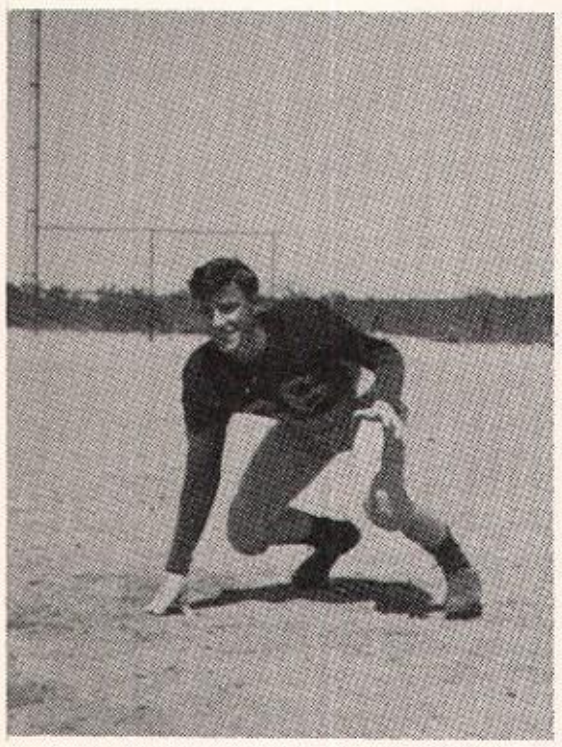

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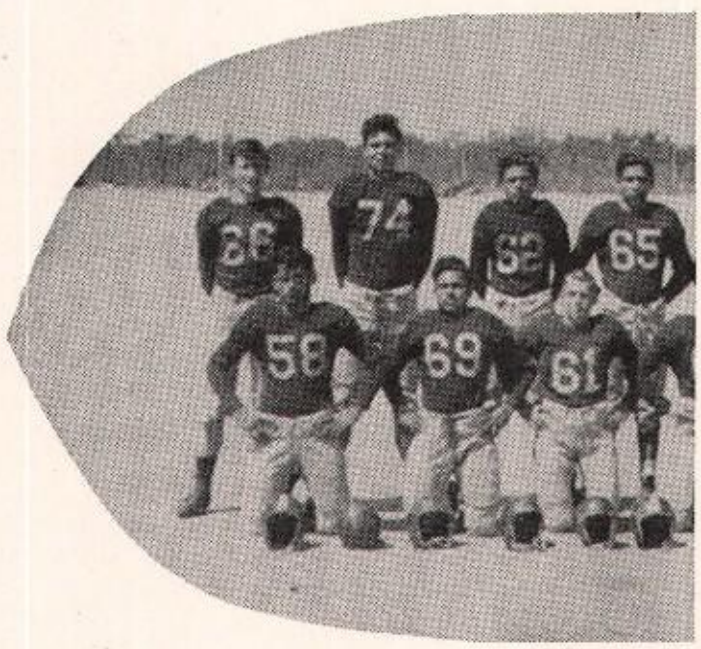

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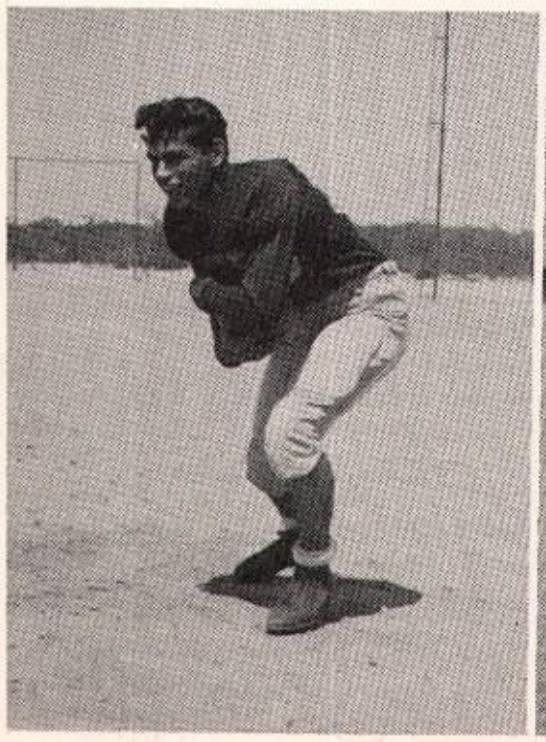

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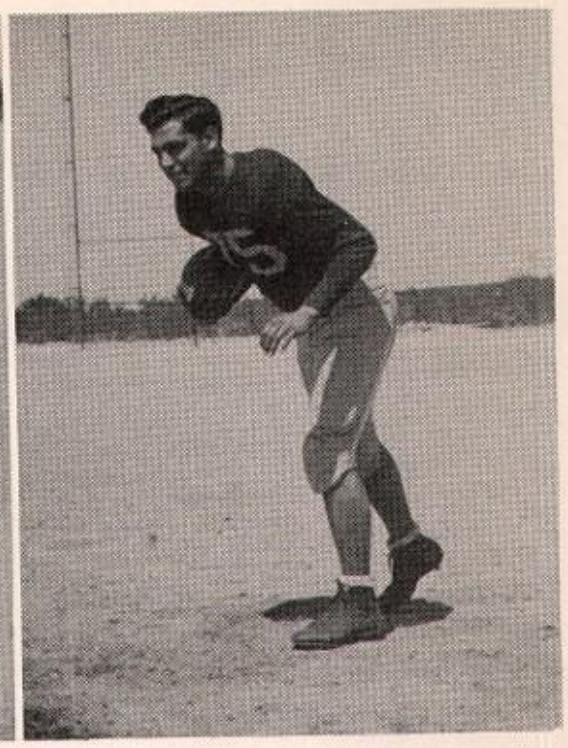

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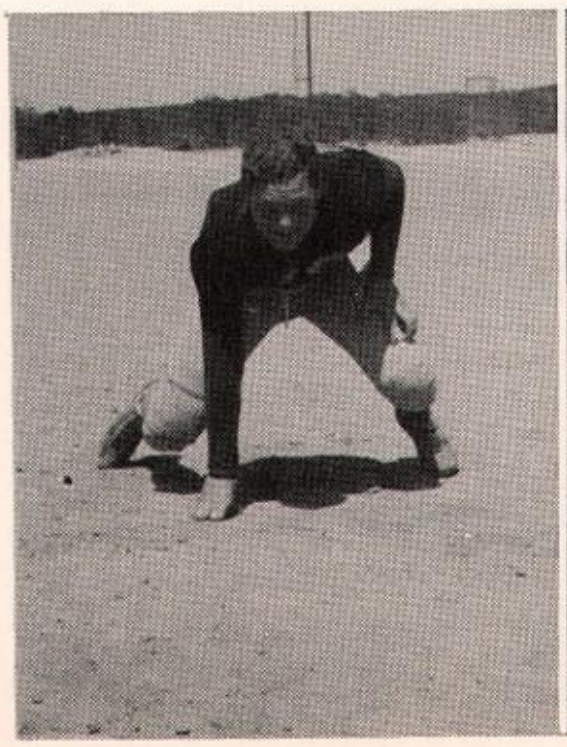

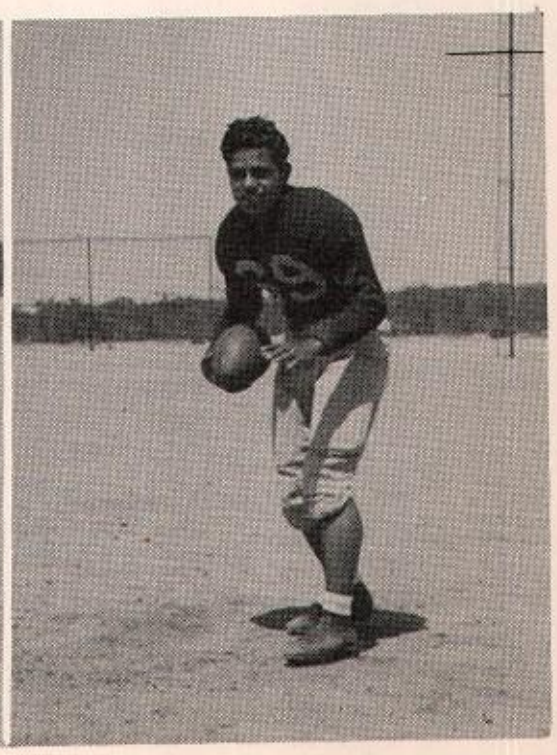

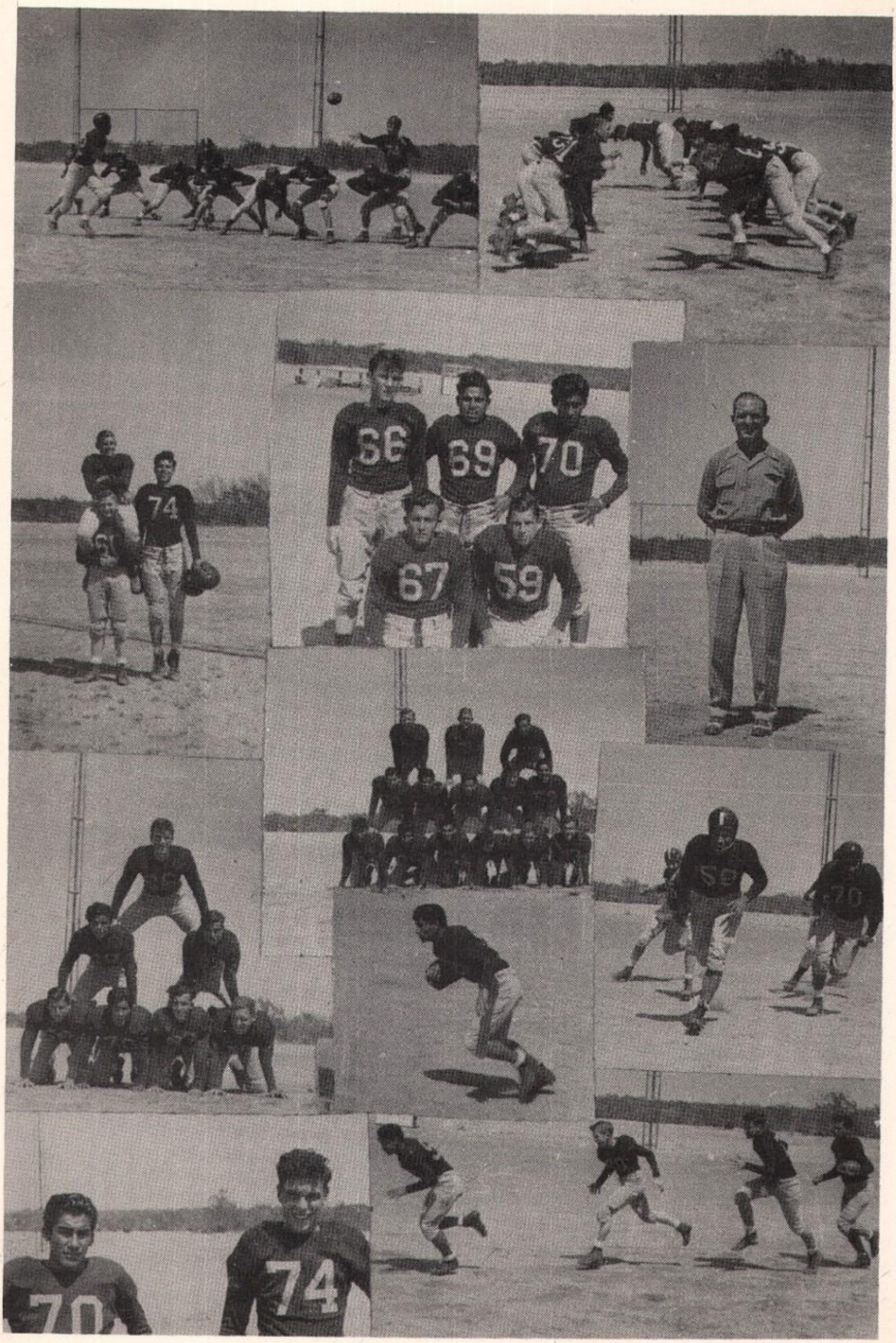

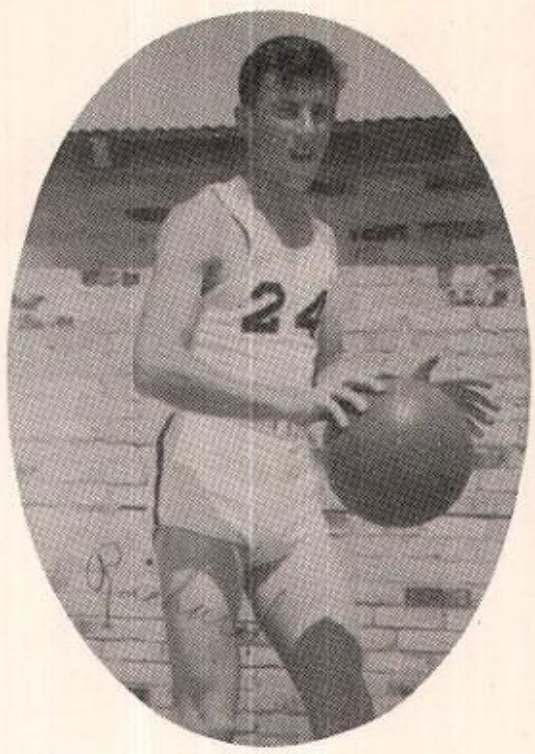
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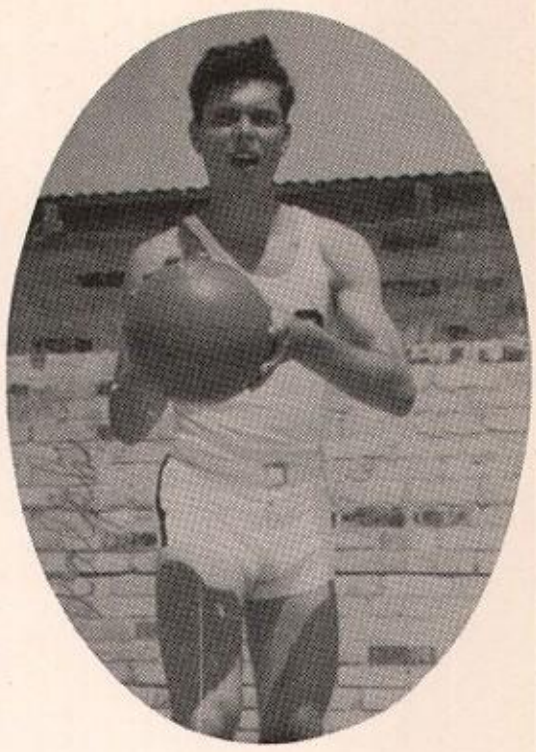

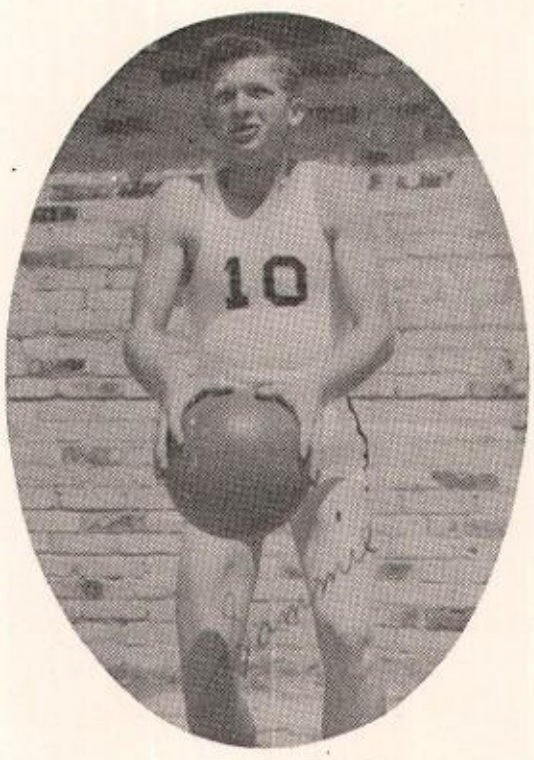
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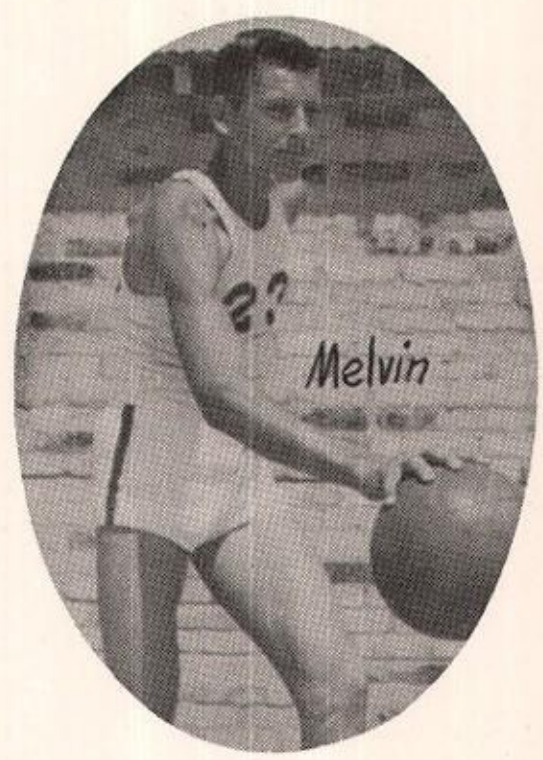
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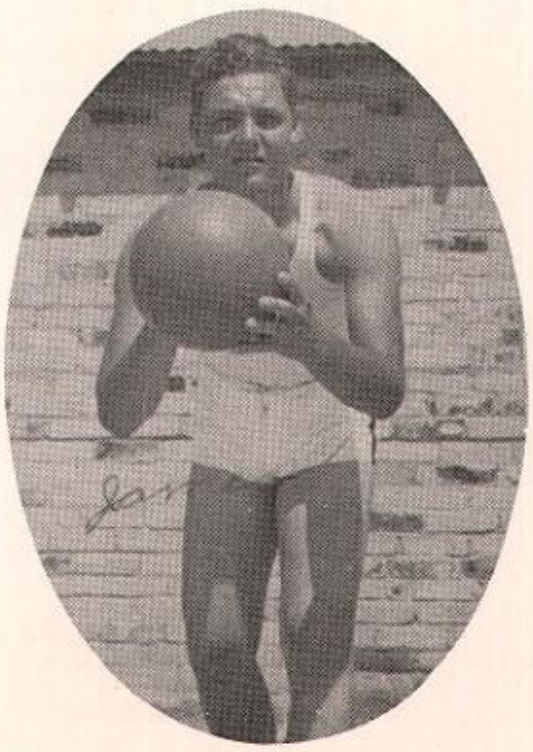

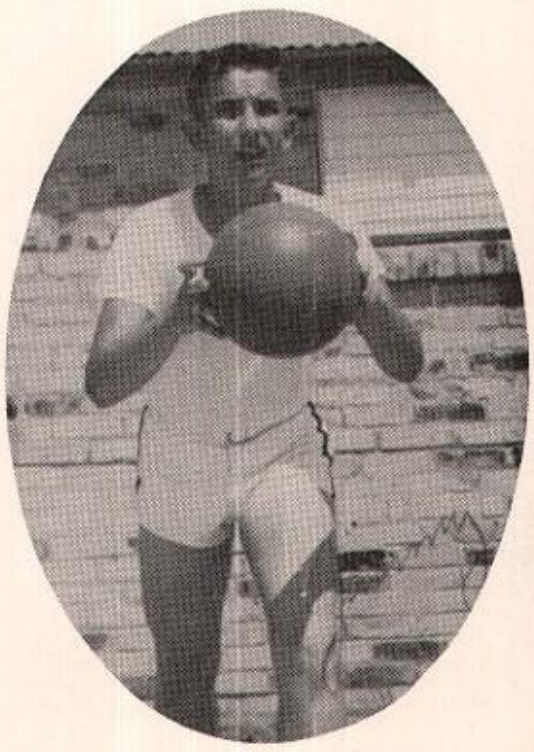

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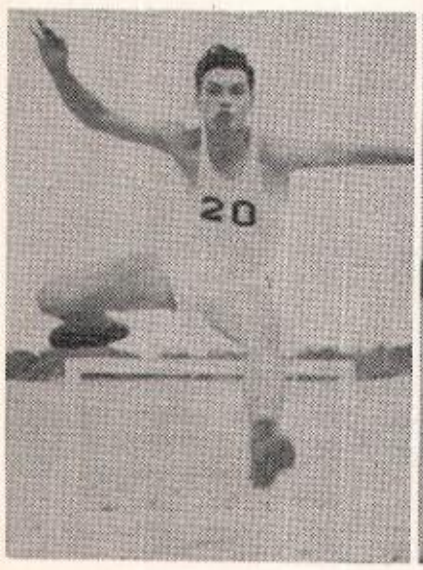

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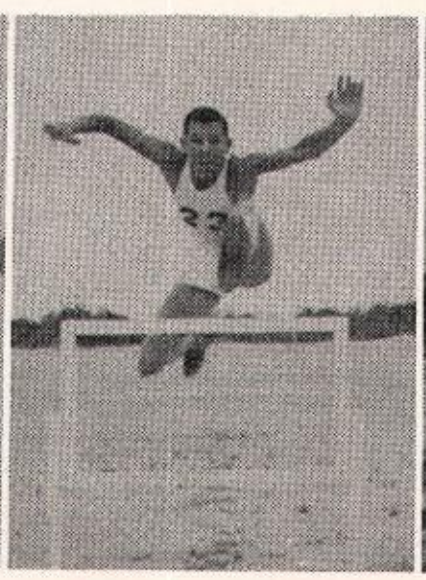

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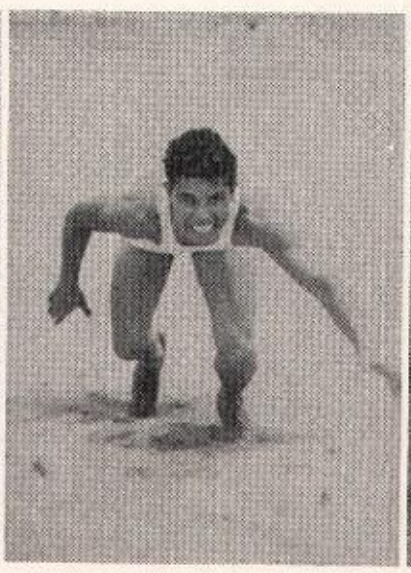

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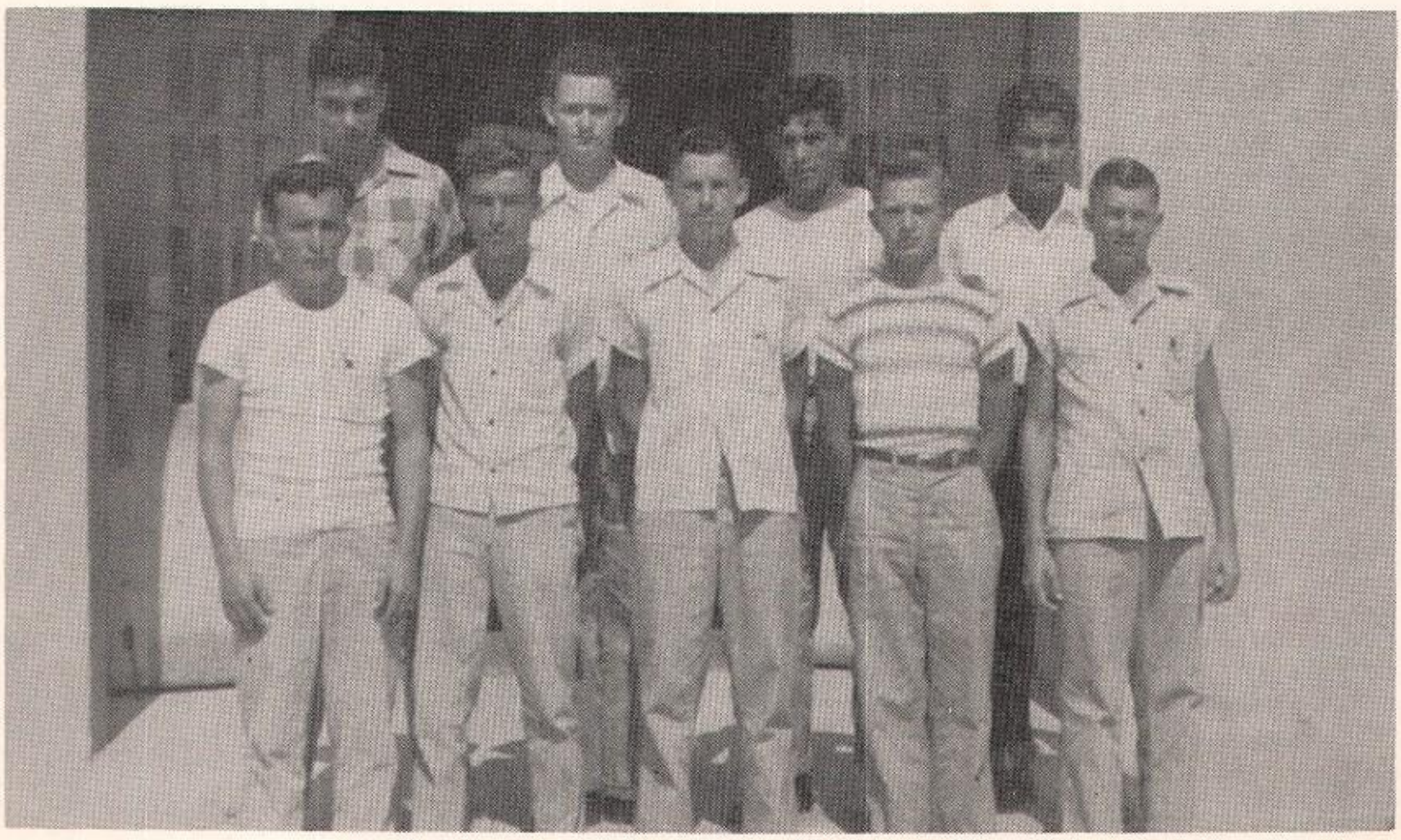

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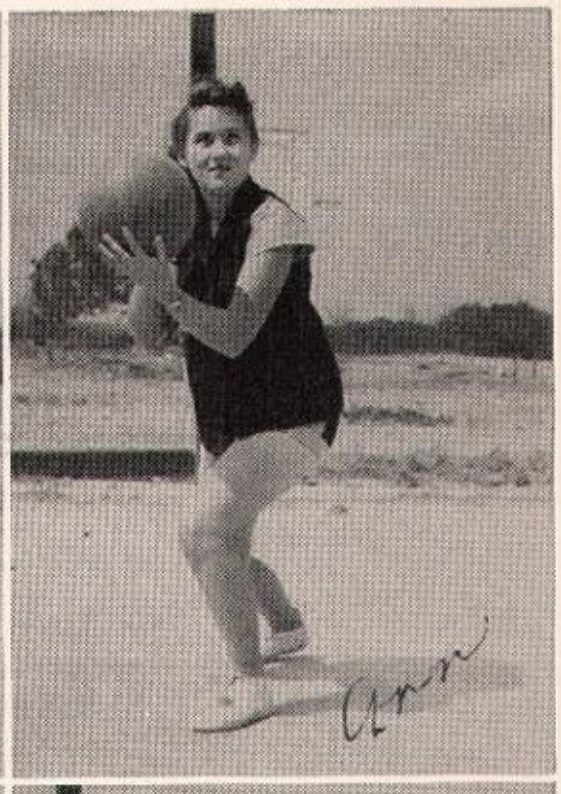

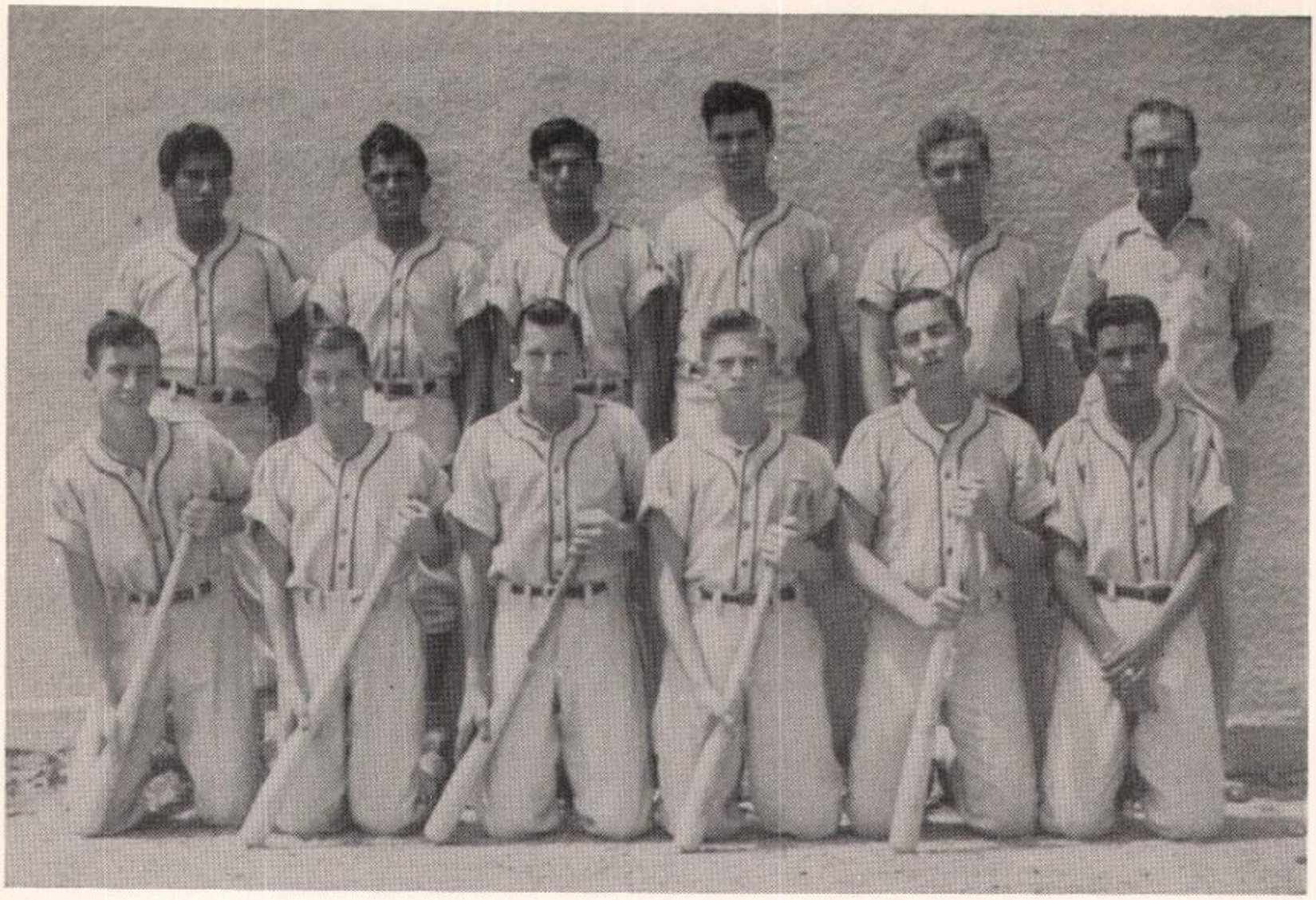

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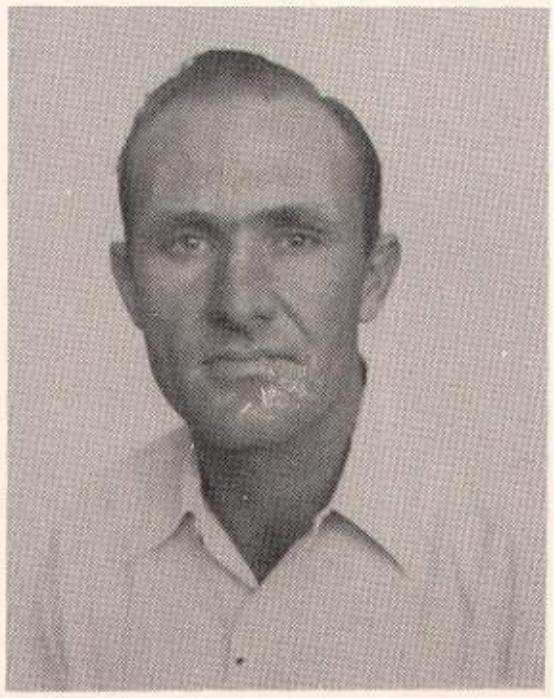

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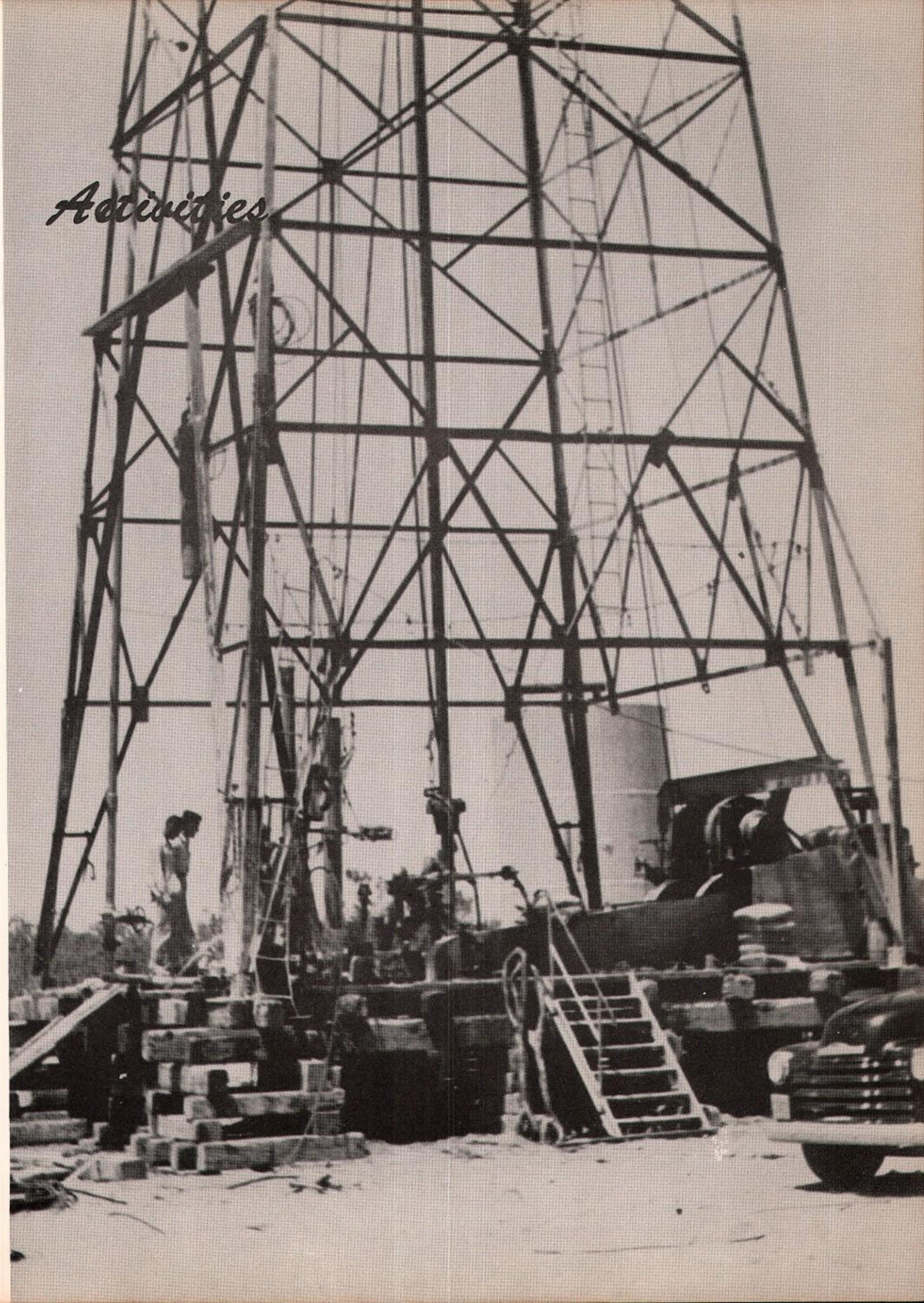

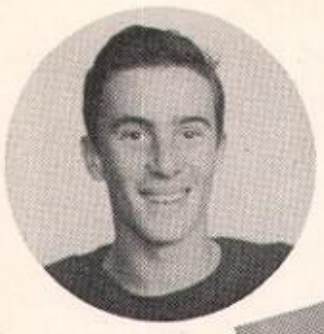

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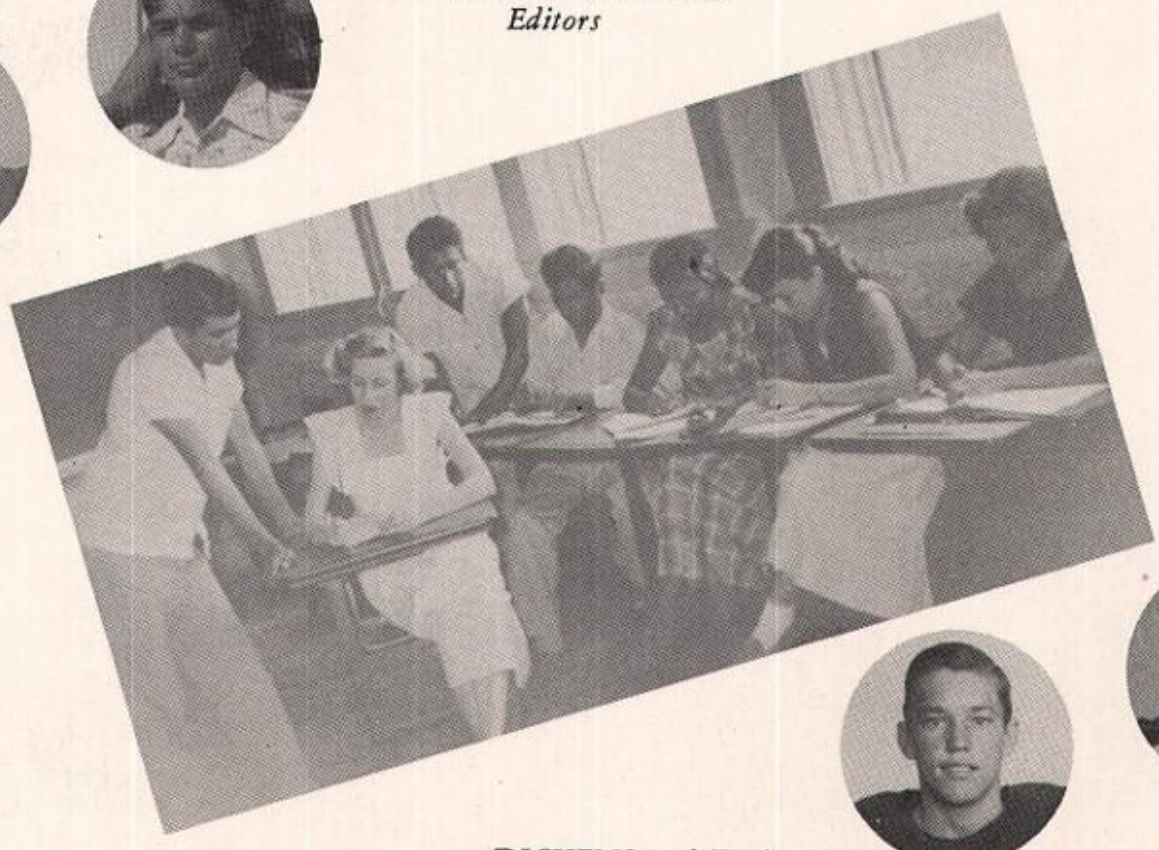

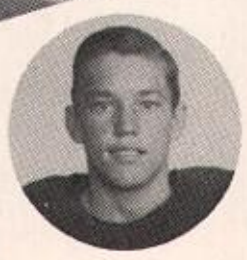

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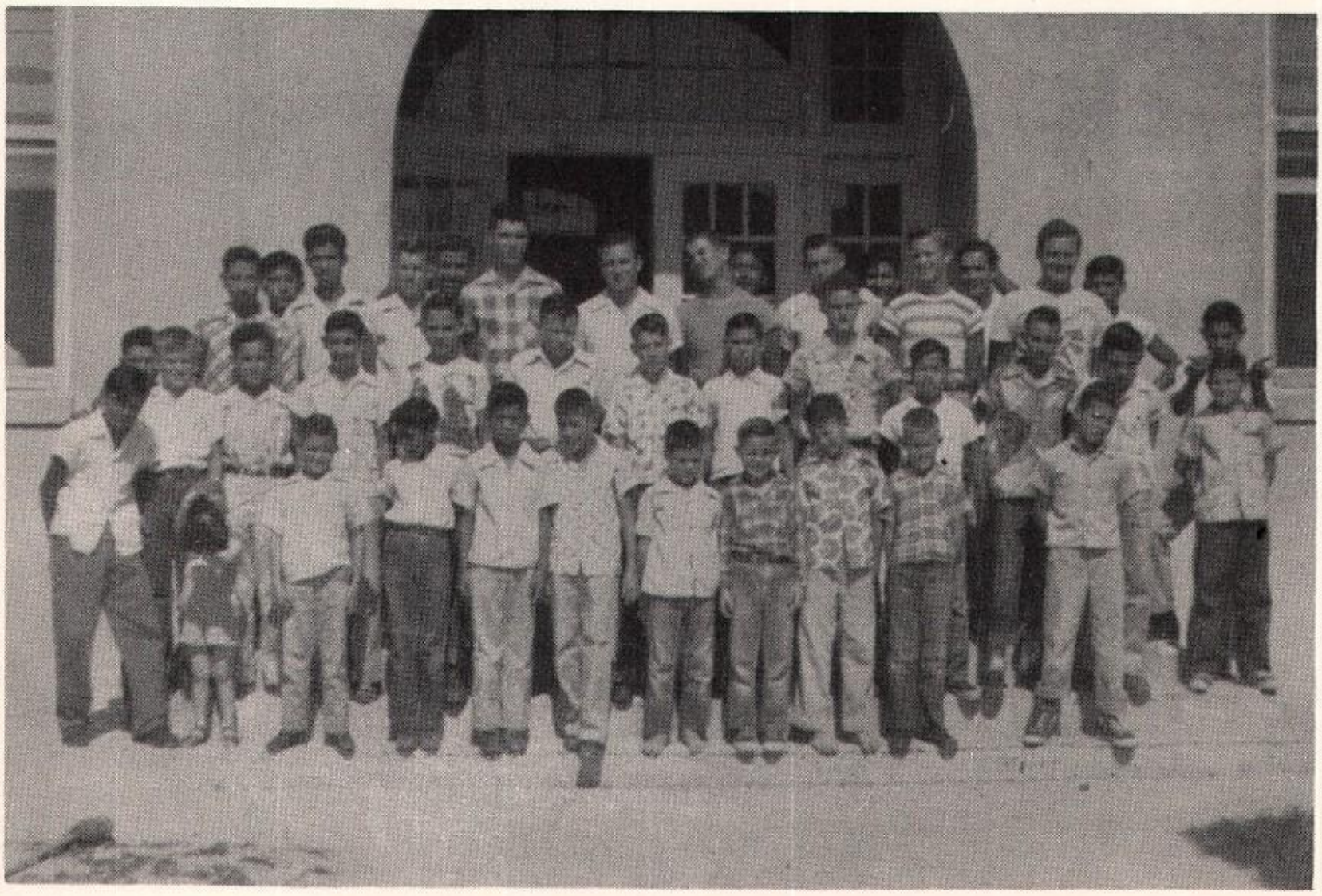

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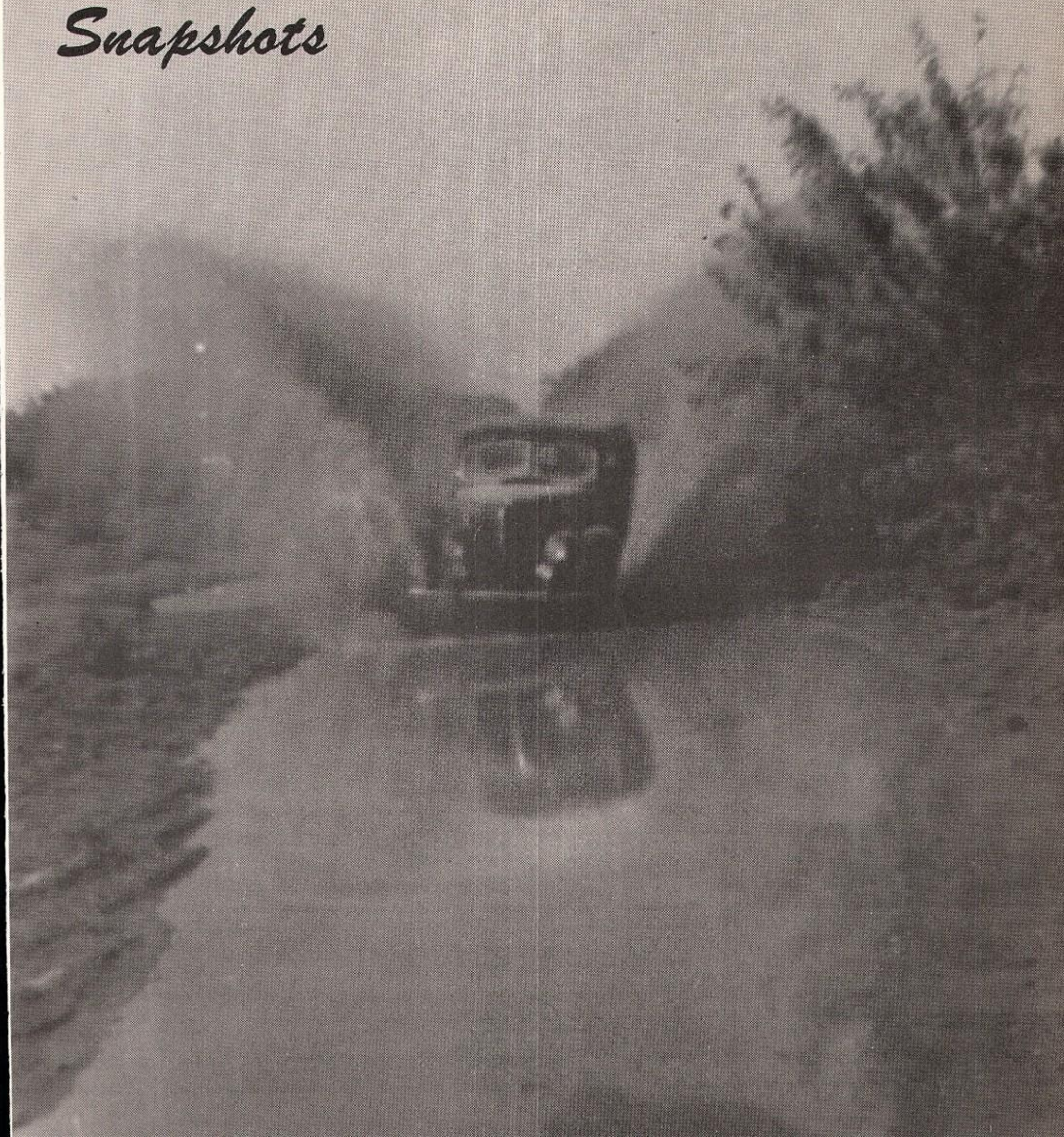

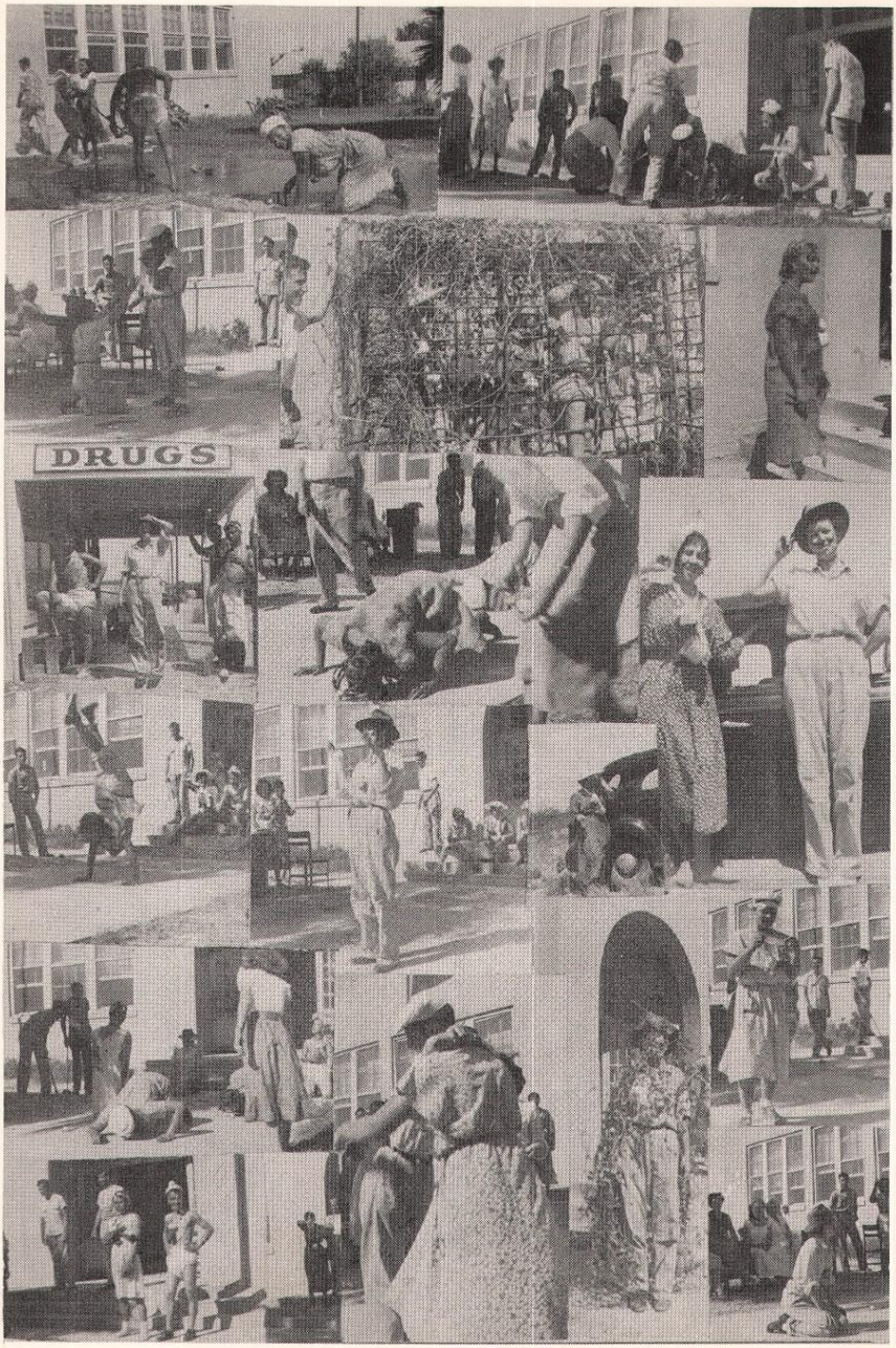
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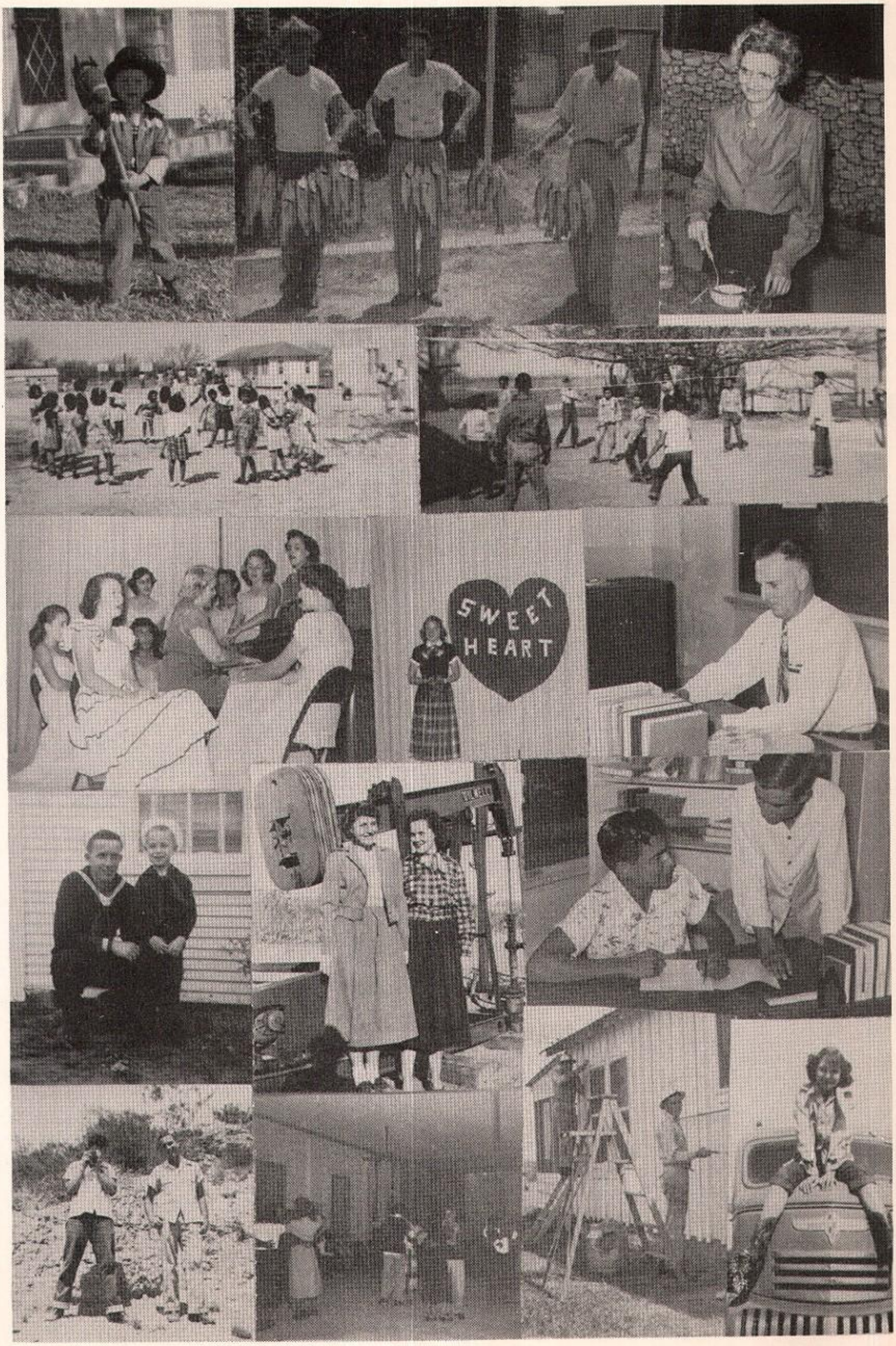
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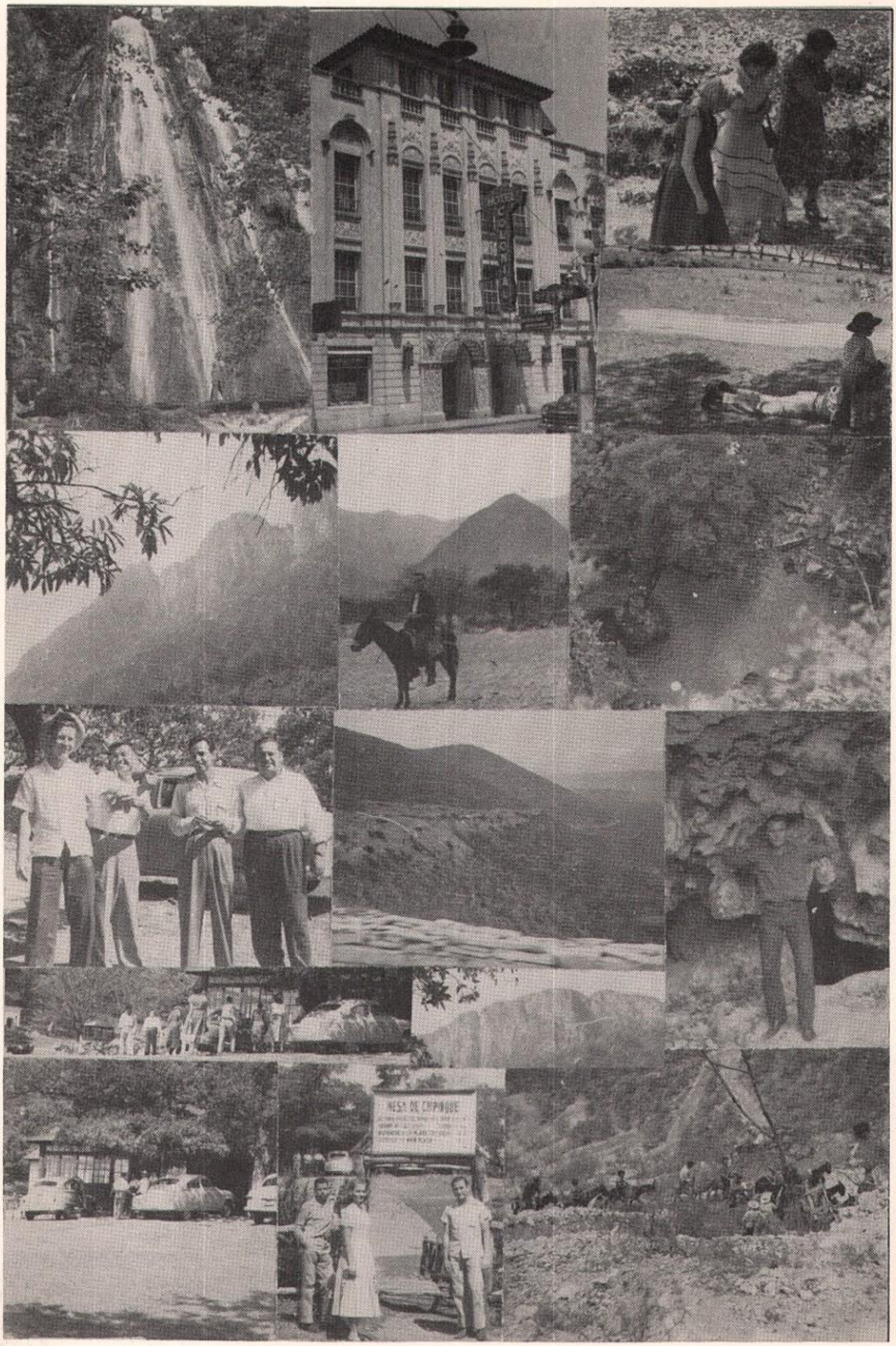
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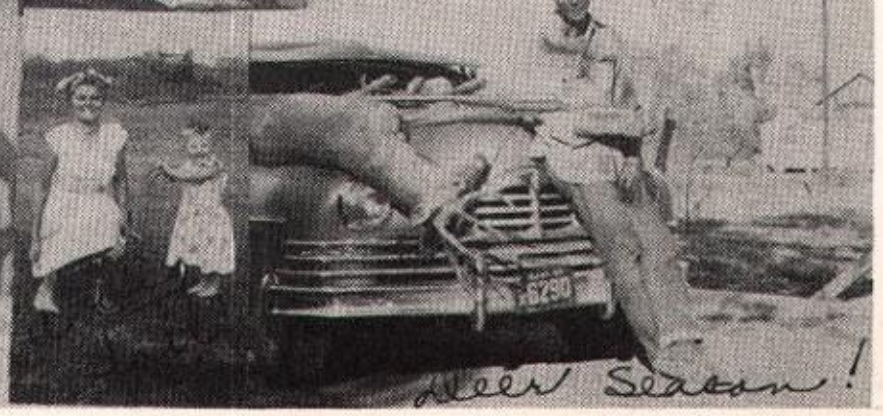

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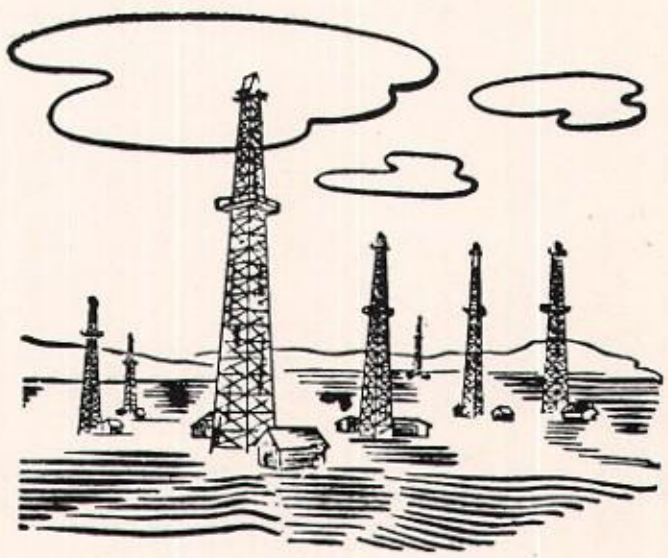

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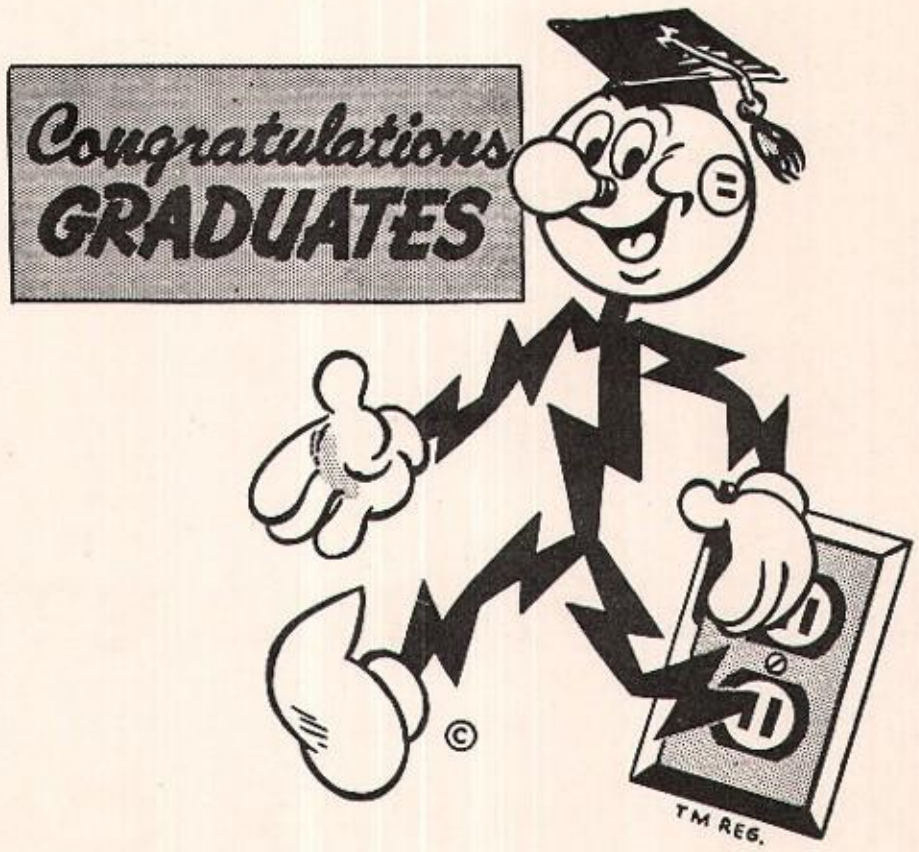

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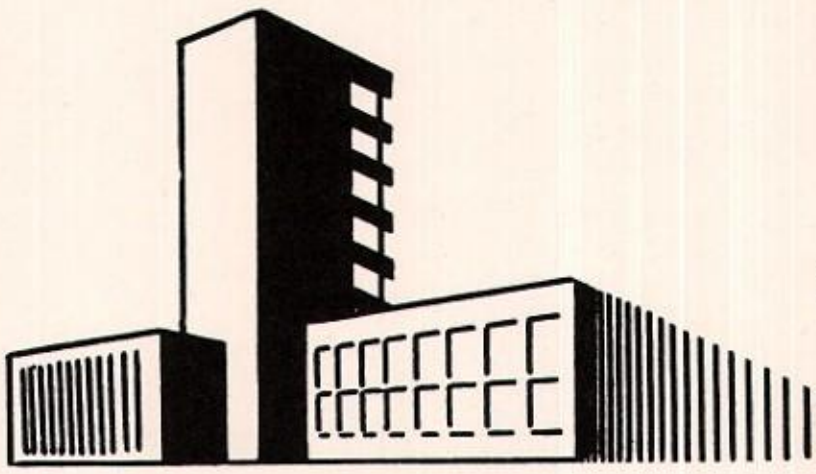

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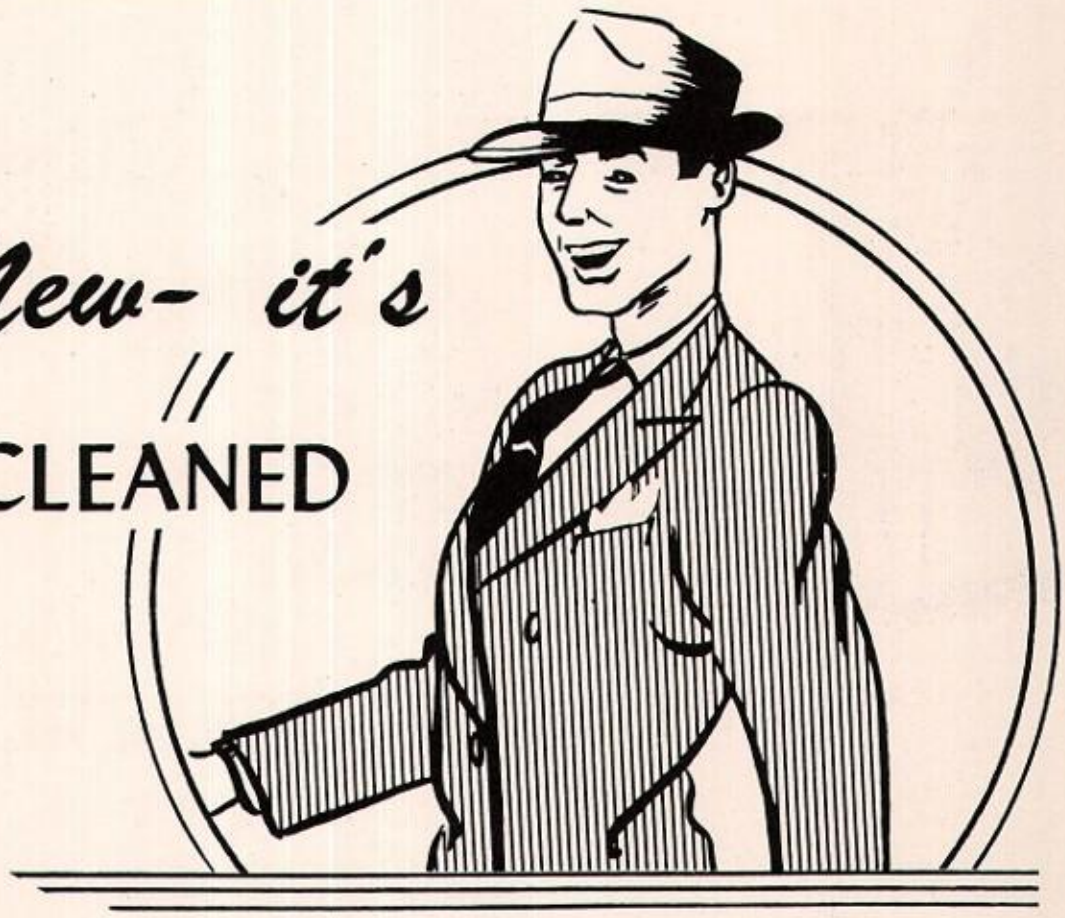

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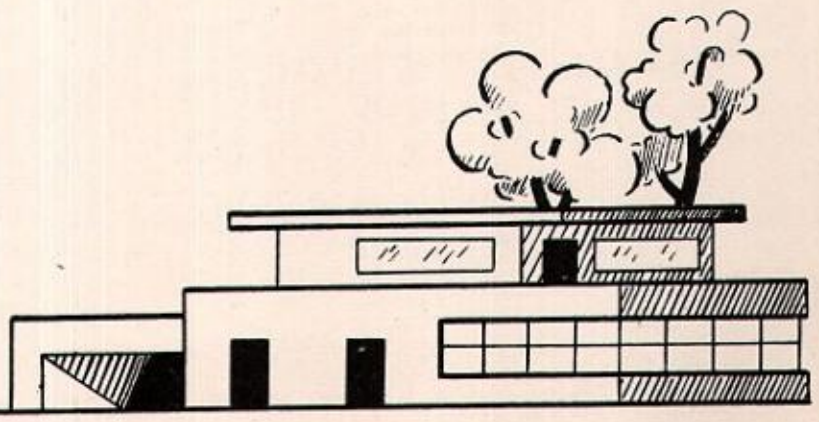

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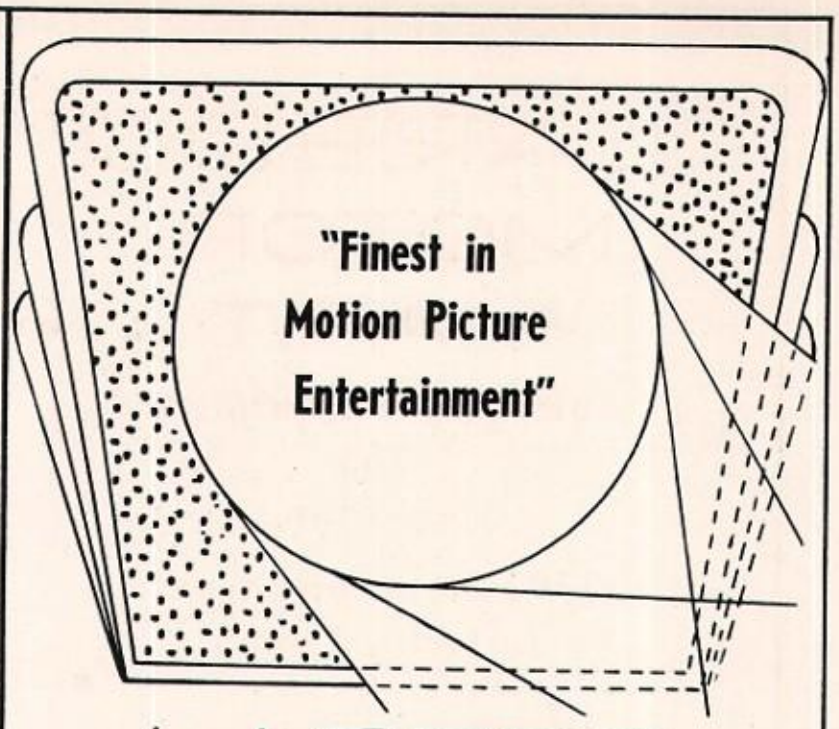

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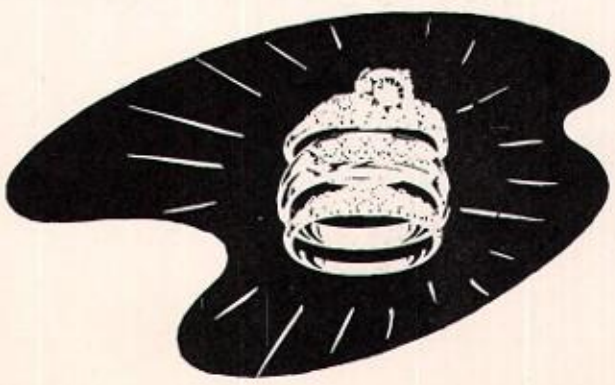

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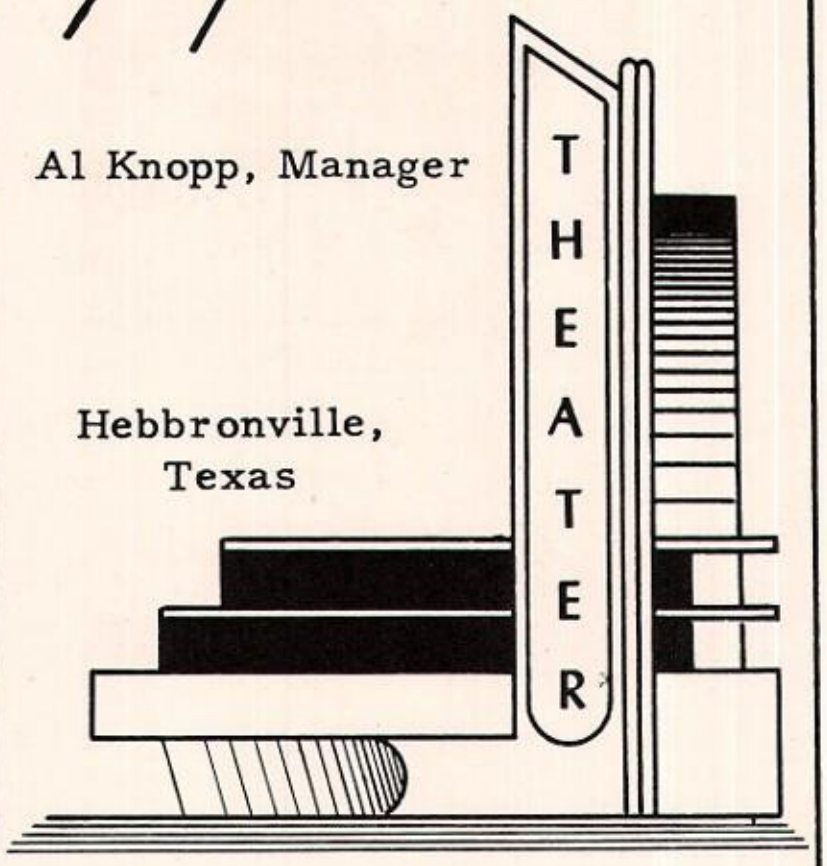

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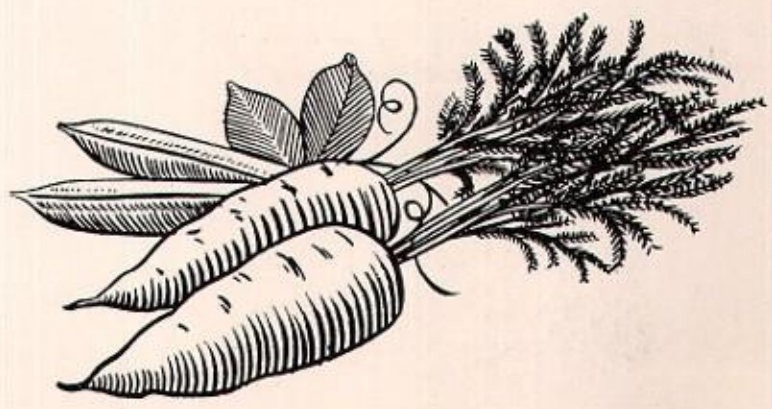

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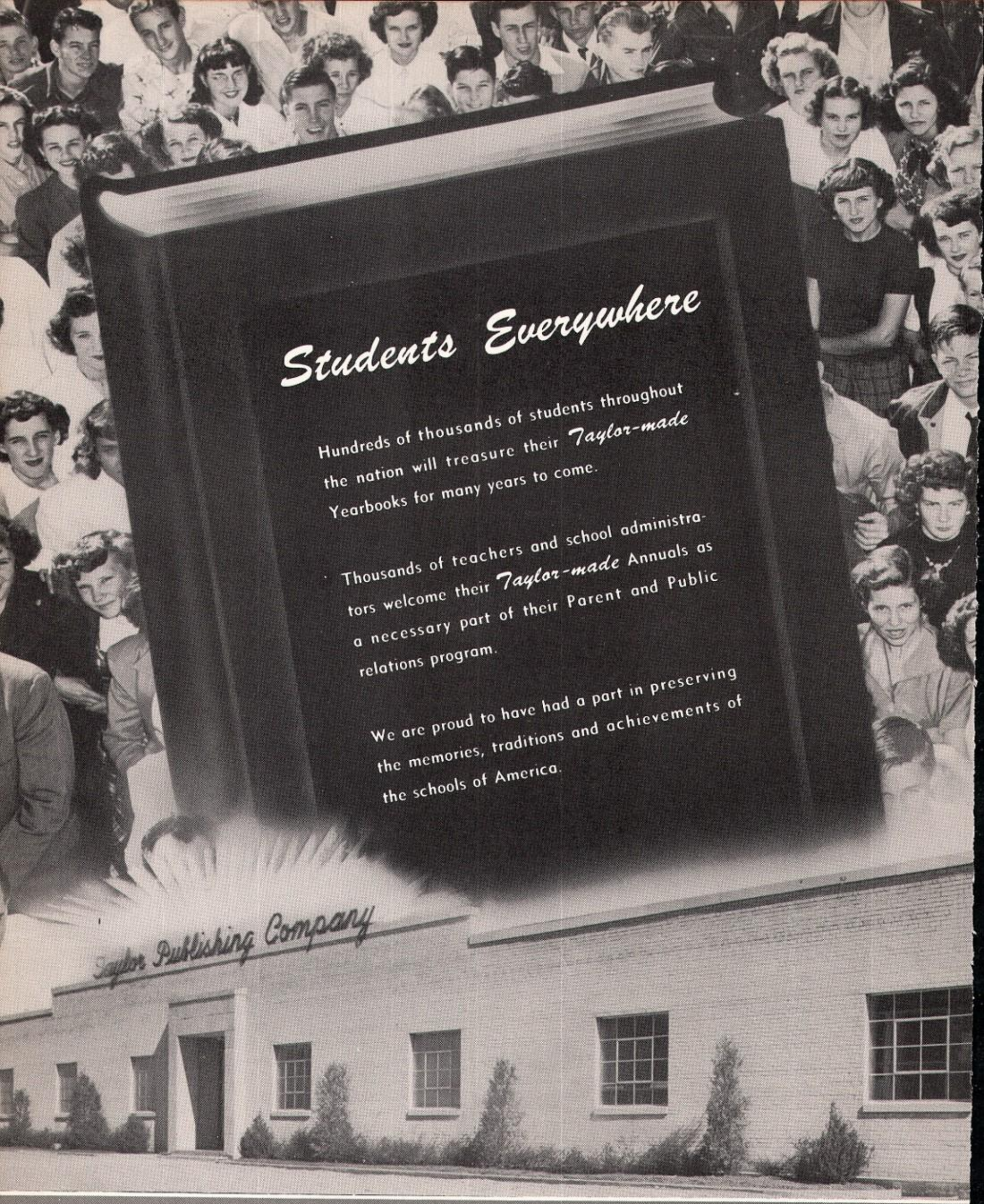
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